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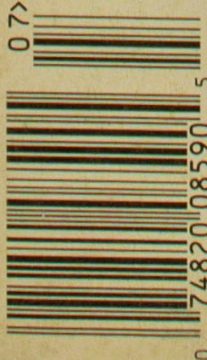
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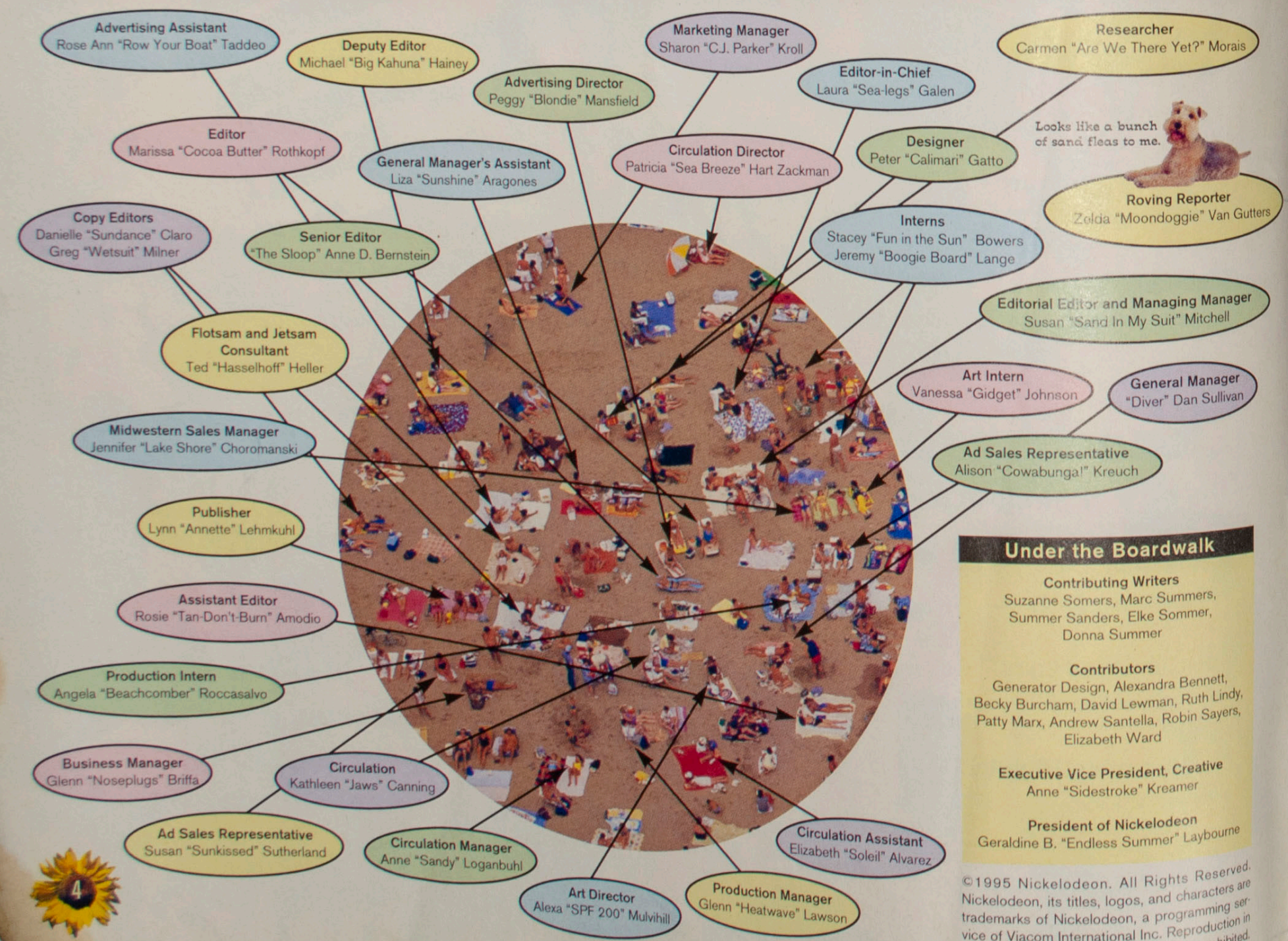
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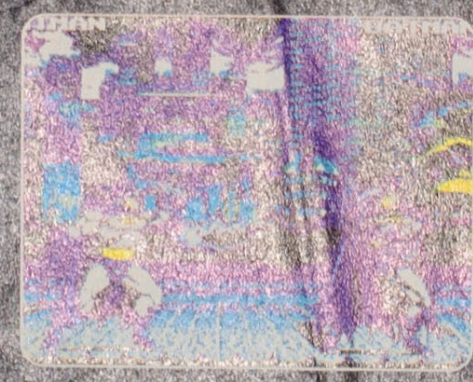
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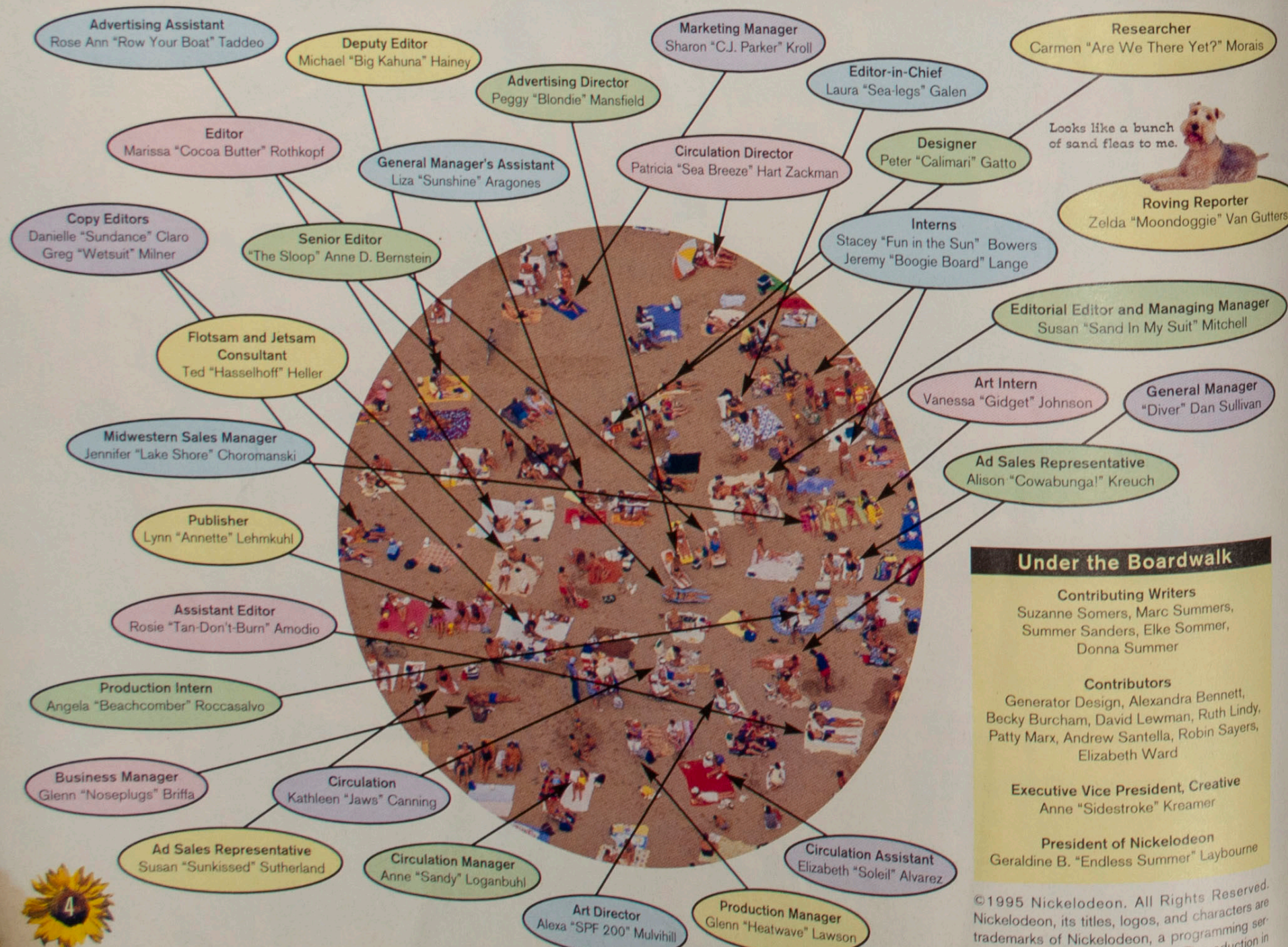


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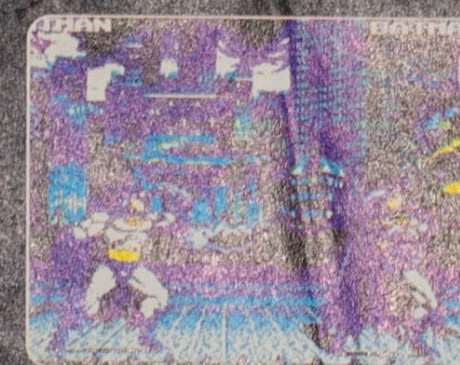
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LET'S GO MONTHLY!



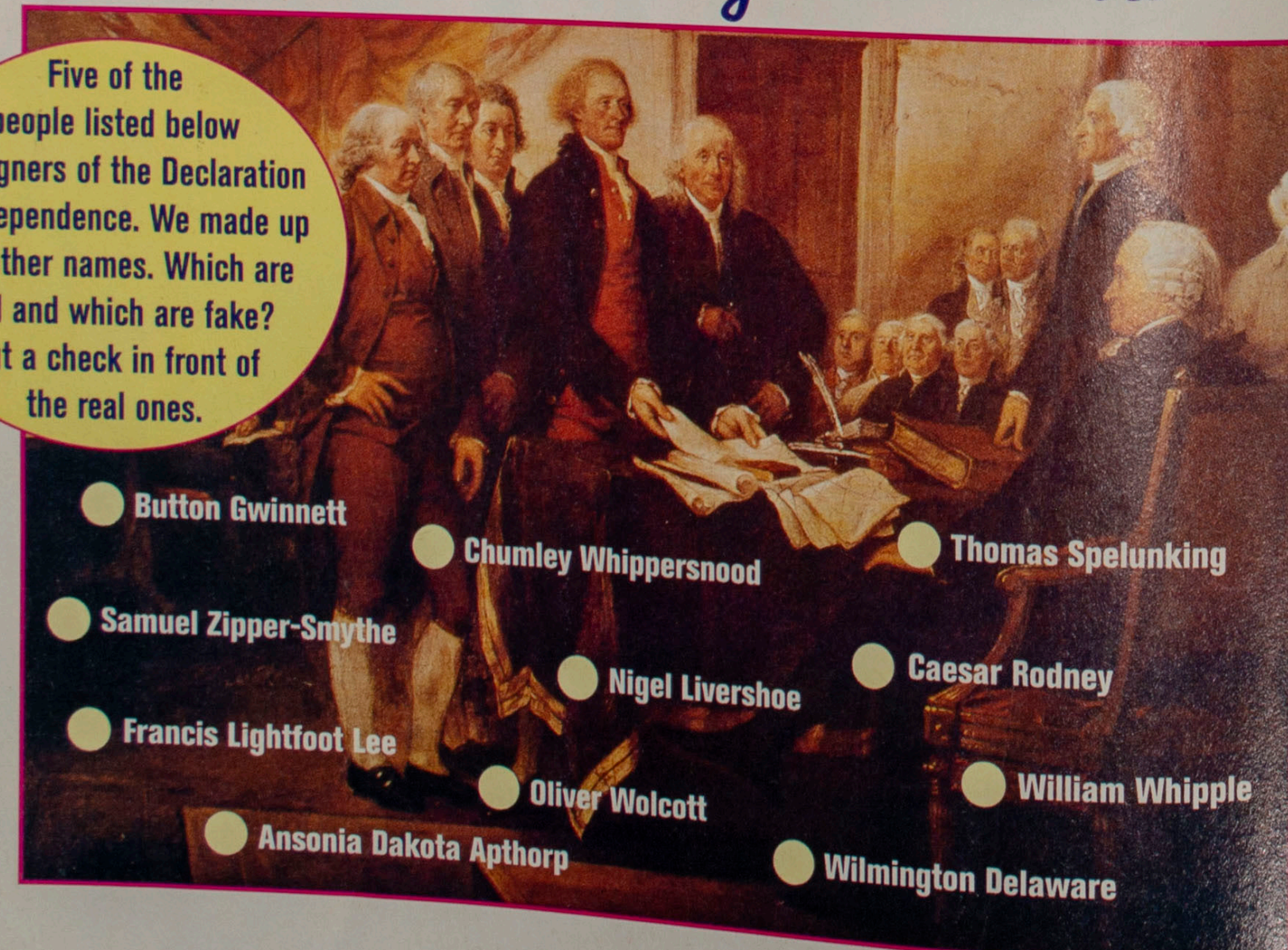
All right, already! A lot of readers have written in to ask why we only come out every other month. Well, starting with the next issue (August), we'll come out 10 times a year—that's *almost* monthly. Until then, read this one *very* slowly.

HERE COMES SUMMER

Check out our special summer section, which begins right over there with a full page of really hot jokes.

Find the Founding Fathers

Five of the people listed below are signers of the Declaration of Independence. We made up the other names. Which are real and which are fake? Put a check in front of the real ones.



● Button Gwinnett

● Chumley Whippersnood

● Thomas Spelunking

● Samuel Zipper-Smythe

● Nigel Livershoe

● Caesar Rodney

● Francis Lightfoot Lee

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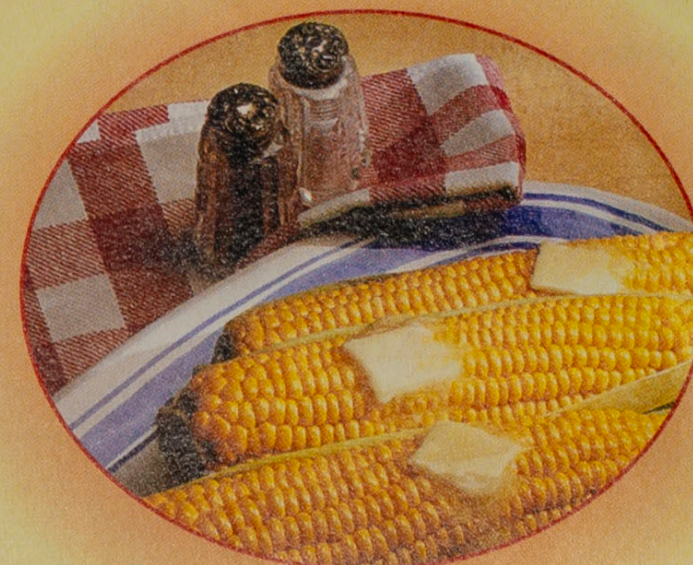
● Ansonia Dakota Apthorp

● Wilmington Delaware

Answers on page 69.

The Joke Page

by David Lewman



Get 'Em While They're Hot

What's black and white and red all over?
A sunburned Dalmatian.

How hot was it yesterday?
It was so hot that the watermelon came to a boil.

What should your dad ride in the Fourth of July parade?
A pop-sicle.

How did the big fireworks show go last night?
It bombed.

Why don't rabbits get hot in the summer?
Because they have hare-conditioning.



I'm a corn dog.

Slightly Corny

What did they serve ...at the door-makers' picnic?
Corn on the knob.

...at the Q-Tip makers' picnic?
Corn on the swab.

...at the slime-makers' picnic?
Corn on the blob.

...at the inventors' picnic?
Corn on the thingamabob.

...at the office picnic?
Corn on the job.

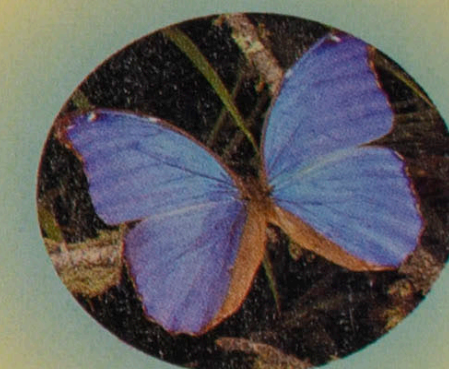
...at the funeral-home owners' picnic?
Corn on the sob.

...at the pig farmers' picnic?
Corn on the hog.

...at the tennis players' picnic?
Corn on the lob.

Don't Knock-Knock It Till You've Tried-Tried It

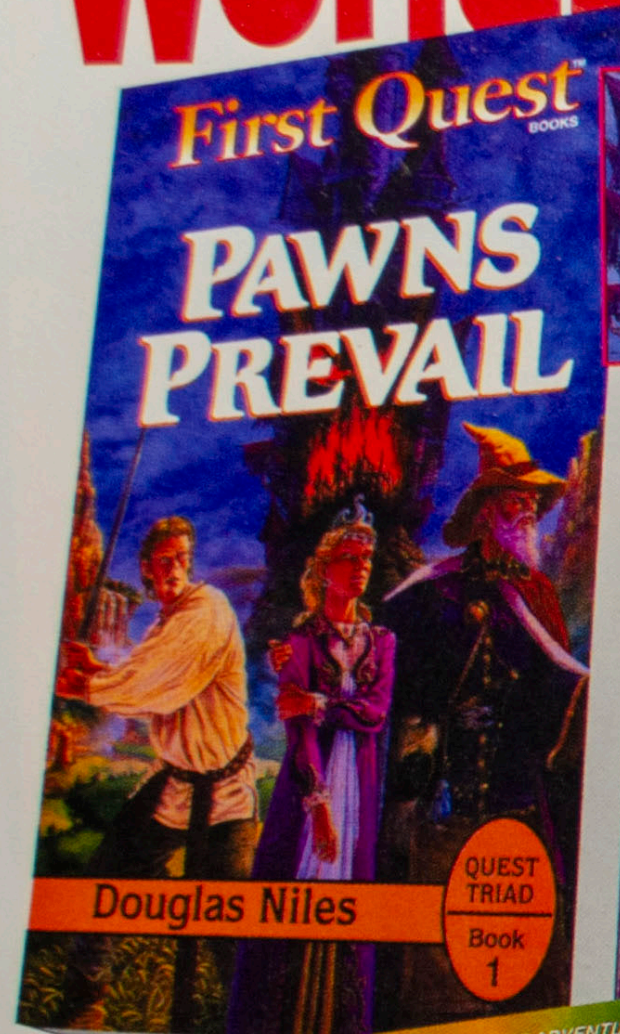
"Knock, knock."
"Who's there?"
"Sandal."
"Sandal who?"
"Sandal get in your shoes at the beach!"



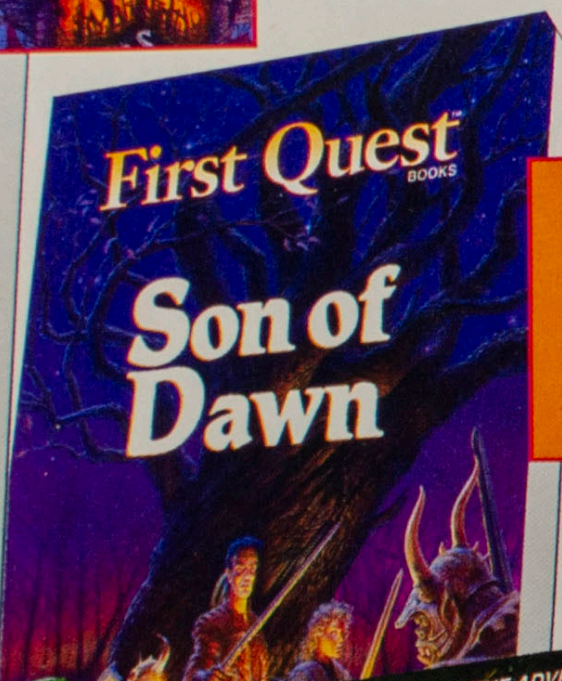
"Knock, knock."
"Who's there?"
"Butterflies."
"Butterflies who?"
"Butterflies across the room if you flip it with a knife!"

"Knock, knock."
"Who's there?"
"Summer."
"Summer who?"
"Summer funny, some are not!"

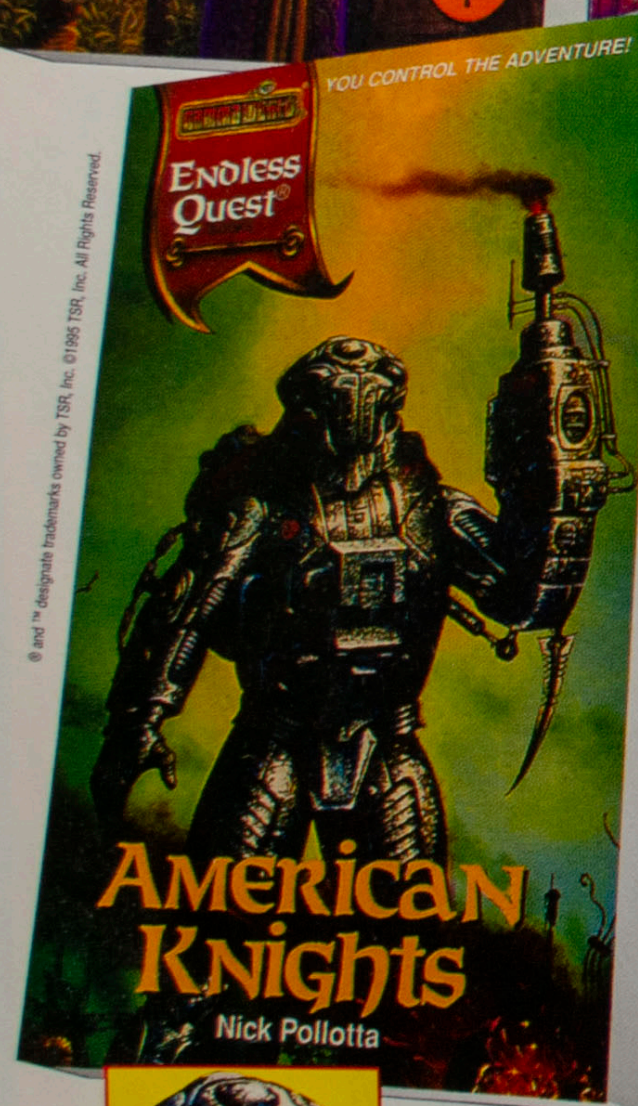
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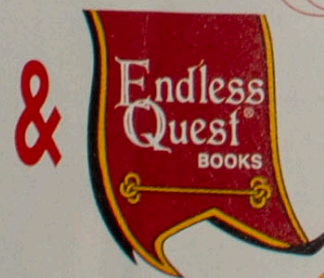
Your new sidekick's a hot shot!



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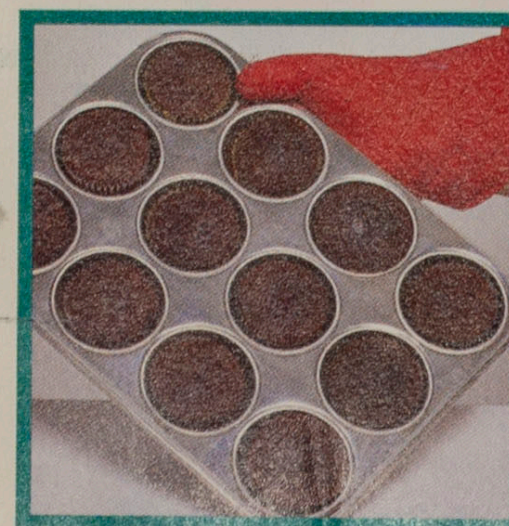
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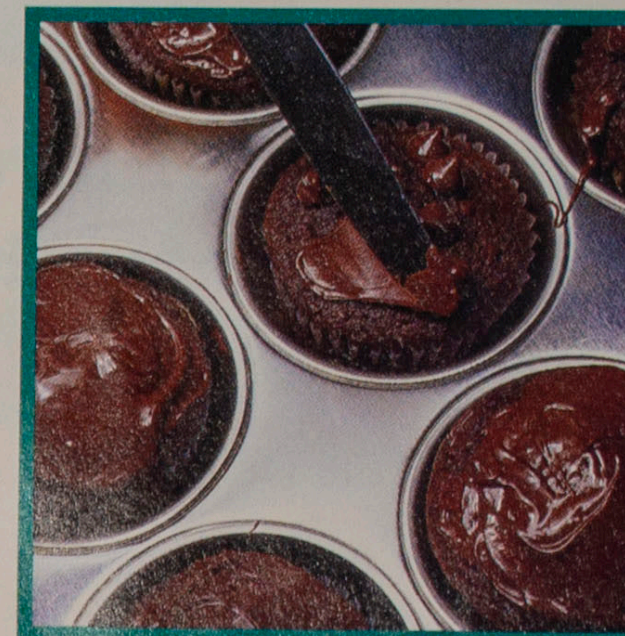
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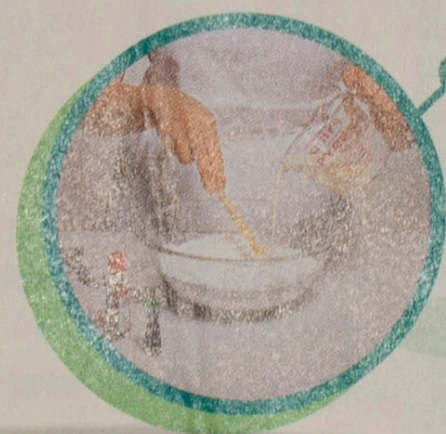
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Slime It Your Way!

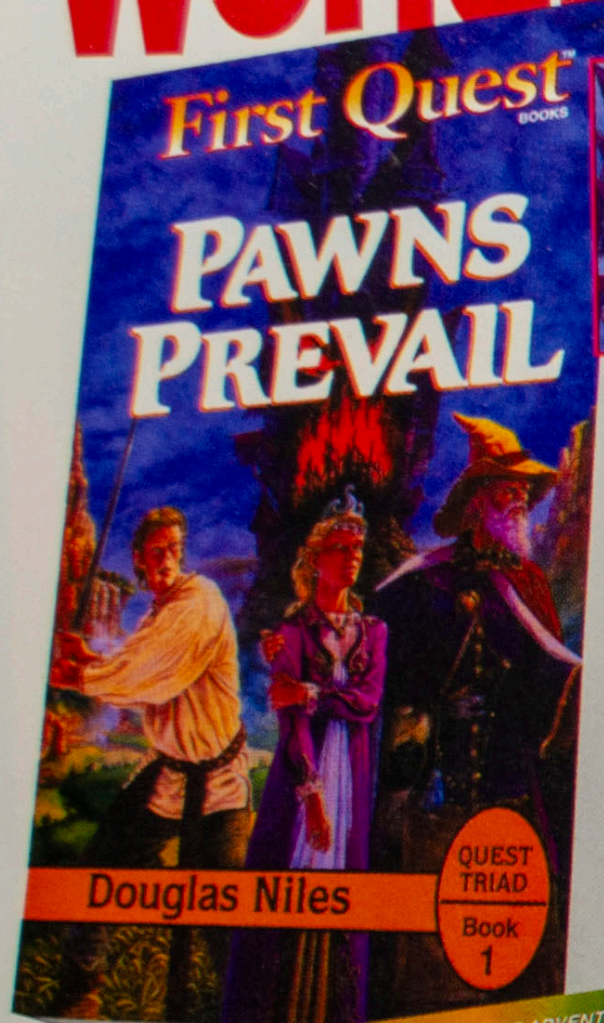
Remember: Have an adult help you in the kitchen.



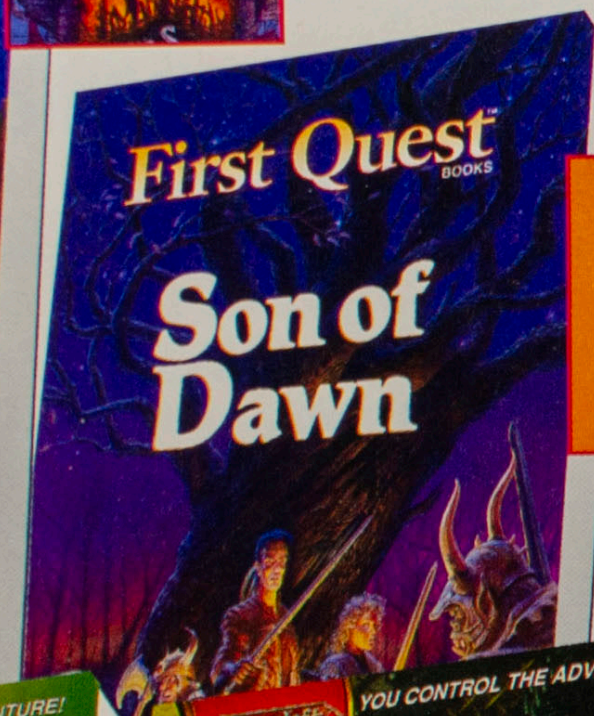
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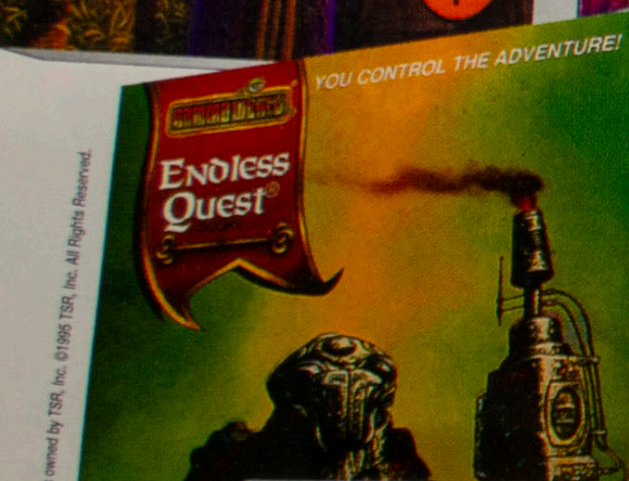
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- Step 1**
The cupcakes
You'll need:
1 box devil's food cake mix (Cake mix requires some other ingredients, which are listed on the box.)
18-24 paper cupcake-tin liners
Line a cupcake tin with the paper cups. Follow the directions on the box to make the batter. Pour the batter into the cups, filling each 3/4 full. Bake as directed.
- Step 2**
The chocolate icing
You'll need:
About 6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips
As soon as the cupcakes come out of the oven, place 8 to 10 chocolate chips on top of each one. Be very careful not to touch the hot pan. When the chocolate chips look shiny and soft (this takes from 4 to 8 minutes), use a butter knife to spread them around the top of each cupcake. Set the cupcakes aside to cool.
- Step 3**
The green slime
(Make within one hour of serving.)
You'll need:
2 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
3/4 cup heavy cream
2 teaspoons vanilla
green food coloring
Mix the confectioners' sugar and the cream together with a large spoon until smooth. Blend in the vanilla and 8 drops of the food coloring. Add more food coloring if you want the slime to be greener. Do not refrigerate. Just before serving, stir the mixture. If the green slime has become too thick, add a tablespoon or two of heavy cream.
- Step 4**
It's slime time!
Bring the cupcakes to the table. Pass the slime around in a bowl with a big spoon, and let everyone slime their own cupcakes. Eat the cupcakes, and have a good slime!

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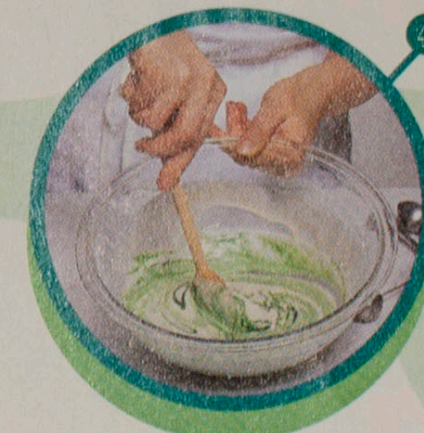
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Then stir up the topping. And drip in the green. Now mix it together. For cupcakes supreme.



6
You're ready for slime-ing, So get a big spoon. Then gather to sing out A nice birthday tune.



AS MY STOMACH



Imagine getting to ride a roller coaster over and over again, without having to wait in line.

ROBIN SAYERS got to—until she just couldn't take it anymore. We challenged her to ride a roller coaster called the Demon as many times as she could. The Demon is at Paramount's Great America in Santa Clara, California, and includes two loop-the-loops and a two-twist corkscrew. Do you think you could have taken more spins than Robin? Read about her dizzying day and see for yourself.

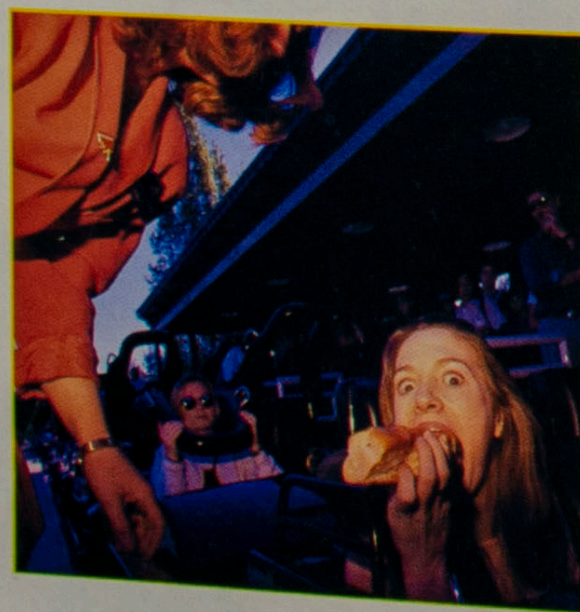
Before Trip 1: What kind of harebrained idea is this? What have I agreed to? No one told me the Demon flips upside down four times. I am nervous.

Trip 1: My throat is already sore from screaming. Still, I think I'll be able to handle this. It's *fun*.

Trip 2: It's definitely going to be a bad hair day. I wonder if I'll get bored of being turned on my head, of shrieking riders, or of the way the Demon spits at me when we ride into its mouth.

Trip 6: I could do this forever. They'll have to drag me off this ride.

Trip 8: This is a piece of cake. How hard could it be to become an astronaut?



Trip 12: I am no longer screaming when I flip upside down. That may be because I've lost my voice from yelling so much. Anyway, I'm not scared anymore—just really, really hyper.

Trip 15: I am finally feeling sick. But I'm hungry.

Trip 16: I eat a hot dog in my seat, while other passengers are getting on. People stare, probably thinking that eating before a ride is even more dangerous than riding over and over again.

Trip 17: I do the loop-the-loops, and go 'round and 'round the corkscrew without any threat of regurgitation. As the

person behind says about me, "She's no puke-meister or else she would've hurled after that hot dog."

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Trip 21: It's becoming obvious to me that I can stay on this roller coaster forever. If bats can sleep upside-down, so can I.

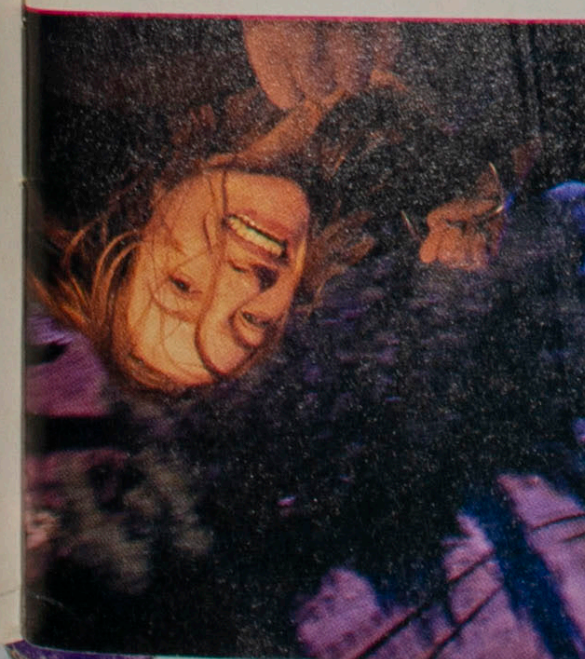
Trip 22: By now I am used to the speech the ride operator gives each time: "Ladies and gentleman, in car number two we have a special guest from NICKELODEON MAGAZINE! Robin has promised to ride the Demon until she no longer can." I feel like a real star.

Trip 24: It seems I've worn out my welcome. Now she says, "Ladies and gentlemen, the person from Nickelodeon says she is not feeling sick yet, and she will not leave until she gets sick. So, if you're waiting for car number two, you're gonna have to wait longer. Thank you." Well, it's true—I don't feel sick.

Trip 33: In a moment of dizziness, I figure out I have been flipped upside-down 132 times today. People are beginning to look like they're moving, even when they're standing still. I could go on forever, but I feel sorry for all those people waiting in line. Well-meaning park officials escort me off the ride. But I've beaten the Demon, not once, but 33 times!



Coming down to Earth: I spend the rest of the day going on other rides and eating. But I wake up the next day feeling a little, well, queasy. And I have to wonder—was it the 33 rides on the roller coaster? Or was it the hot dog, the two corn dogs, the three egg rolls, the churros, the lemon slush, the jaw-breaker, the chocolate, and the cotton candy? Thinking about it is enough to make my head spin.



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The history of the roller coaster
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ON THE FAST TRACK

Ice Scream

The first roller-coaster-type ride was built in St. Petersburg, Russia, about 500 years ago. It was called an "ice slide" and consisted of a 70-foot-high wooden frame with snow piled on it. The snow was packed down and watered. When the water froze, it created a slippery surface. People rode down the contraption by sitting on large blocks of ice.

Faster Than a Speeding Tortoise

LaMarcus Thompson built the first roller coaster in North America in 1884. It was located in Coney Island, New York, and chugged along at a leisurely six miles per hour. Still, it was a big hit. (Some roller coasters today can travel more than 80 miles per hour.)

Scared to Speak

A man from West Virginia lost his voice during World War II. For five and a half years he was unable to say a word. Then he rode the Coney Island Cyclone. When he got off, he said "I feel sick," and could speak from then on. Doctors believed it was the jolt of excitement that prompted the sudden return of his voice.

Hold on to Your Teeth!

The track of a roller coaster at England's Blackpool Pleasure Beach runs over a large lake. Last year, the water was emptied from the lake for maintenance reasons, and workers found coins, clothing, wigs, false teeth, and a glass eye.



Rockin' and Rollin', Zippin' and Pippin

The Zippin' Pippin, (at left) at Libertyland in Memphis, Tennessee, is the oldest operating coaster in the country. It was Elvis Presley's favorite coaster. He would rent out the entire park so that he, and his family and friends, could enjoy the ride without being pestered by fans.



Honey, What's That Racket?

There is a house underneath the Thunderbolt roller coaster in Coney Island, New York (above). Originally built as a hotel, it had three stories until the Thunderbolt was built in the 1920s. Then the top floor was torn off, and steel support beams were run through it. The house has had a number of tenants up until the 1980s, even after the coaster stopped running. The new owner plans to build an amusement park on the property. Until he raises all the money, he's leaving the house alone.

I Now Pronounce You Husband and Wiiiiiiiiiiiiiii...

Reverend Cliff Herring (below) performs roller coaster weddings. His first was in 1985, when he officiated at the marriage of Jerry and Debi Keck. The bride and groom sat in the front car, the reverend was in the second car, and the guests filled the rest. The ceremony took place when the coaster was stopped at the top of the first hill. After the bride and groom kissed, the coaster took off and the wedding party finished the ride.

—Robin Sayers



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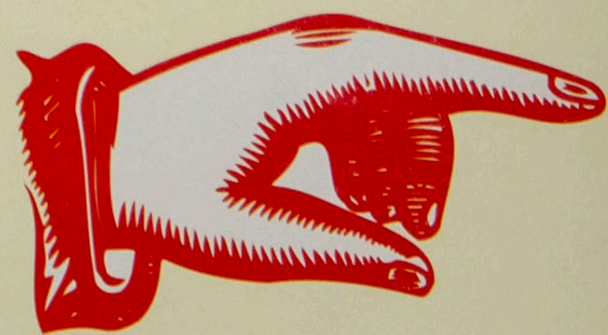


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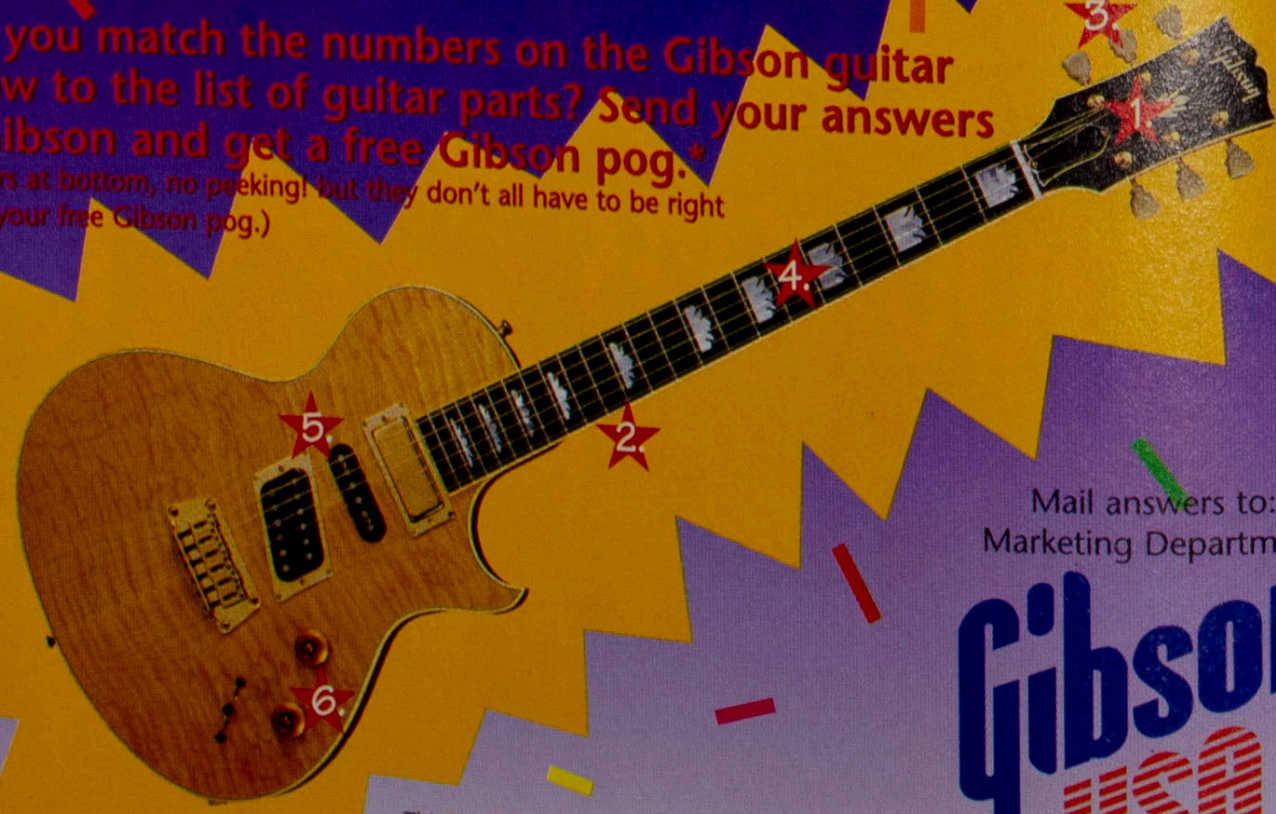
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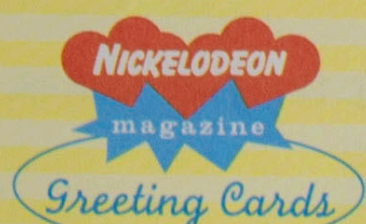
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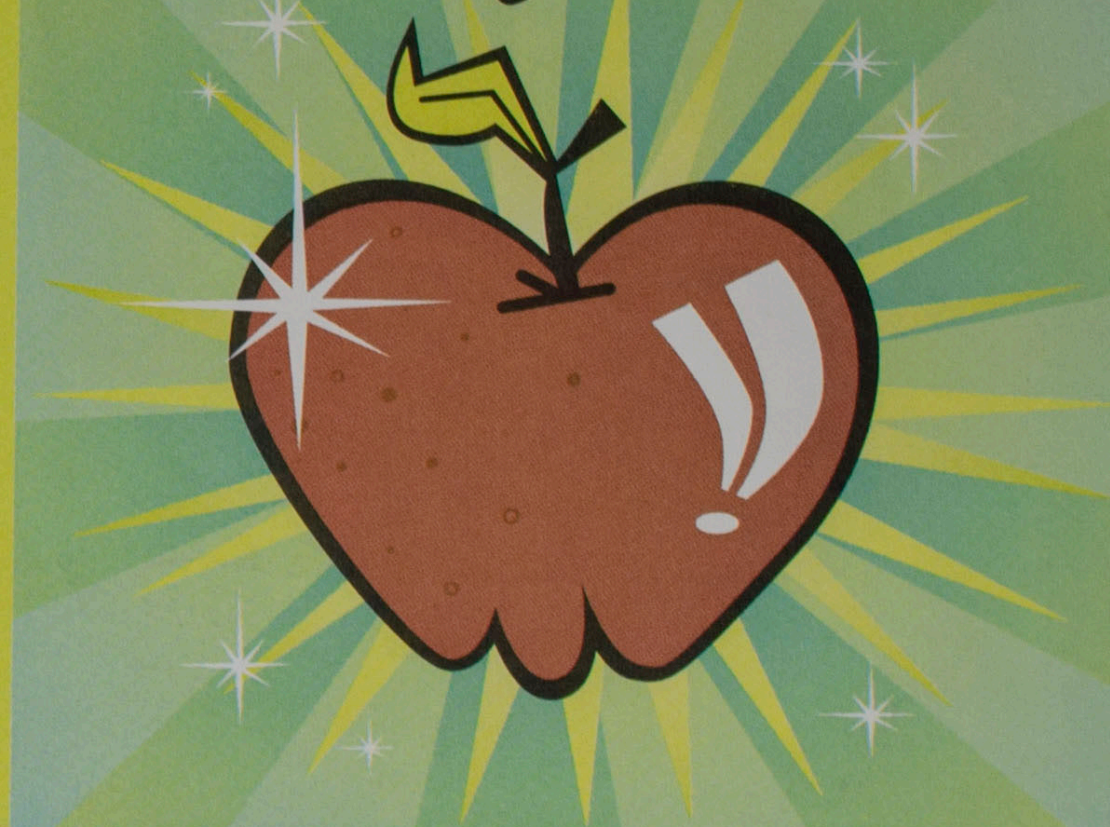


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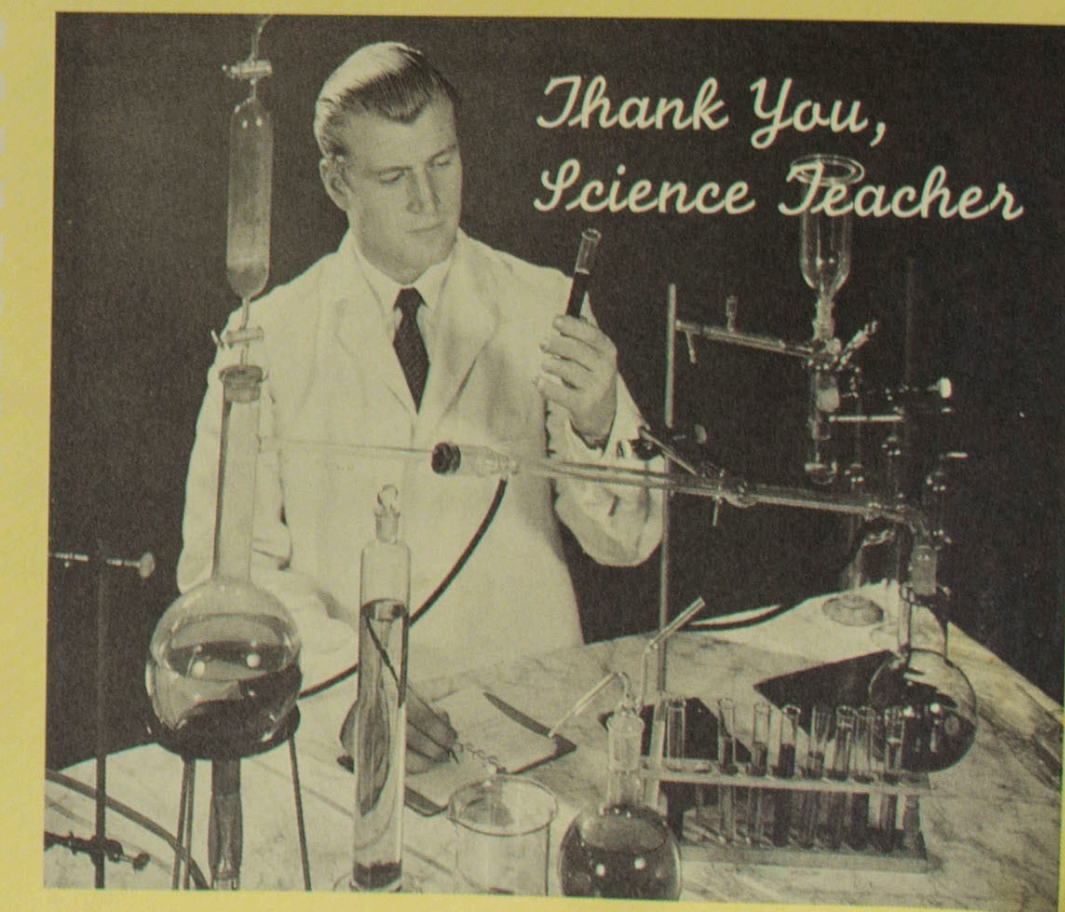
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Your favorite athlete,
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Your favorite student,
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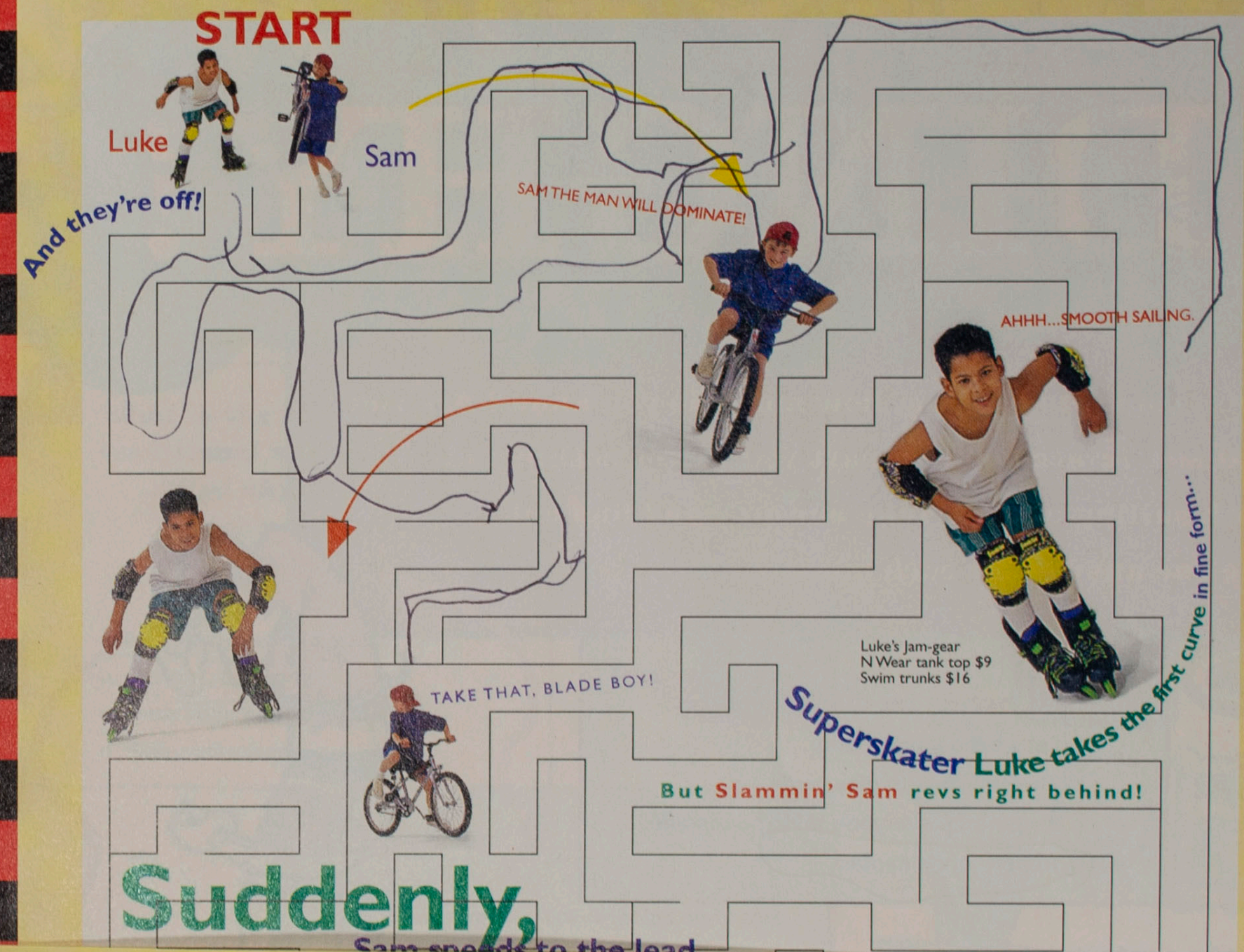
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1

"All hands on deck!" means:

- a. Let's build a new patio.
- b. The crew has to play cards.
- c. It's time for everyone to do handstands.
- d. Report to the captain.

2

If the captain tells you to "drop anchor," you should:

- a. Drop what you're doing.
- b. Throw Peter Jennings overboard.
- c. Lower the ship's anchor.
- d. Go on a diet.

3

You are told to walk the plank. This means:

- a. It's your turn to take the ship's pet plankton for a walk.
- b. You have to jump off the ship.
- c. You must do a yo-yo trick.
- d. You should do a silly walk.



4

If someone yells "Ship ahoy!" it means:

- a. There are free cookies in the area.
- b. The ship needs immediate hoying.
- c. Another ship is sighted.
- d. The boat needs to be turned around.

5

A "dinghy" is:

- a. A sailor making his or her first voyage.
- b. A small rowboat.
- c. A boat's bathroom.
- d. The bell the cook rings to call people to eat.



6

What is the last line of this traditional sailor's saying?

*"Red sky at night,
Sailor's delight.
Red sky at morn..."*

- a. For lunch, we have corn.
- b. Our sail, it is torn!
- c. Every rose has its thorn.
- d. Sailor take warn.



7

A "galley" is:

- a. The kitchen of a ship.
- b. What a male sailor calls his girlfriend.
- c. Where female sailors sleep.
- d. Where the captain hangs his paintings.



Hey, captain, are those watercolors?

8

Which of the following is a kind of small sailboat?

- a. Jiblet
- b. Sunfish
- c. Tagsail
- d. Sandcrab

9

A "sea shanty" is:

- a. An old lighthouse.
- b. A facial wart caused by too much wind exposure.
- c. A refreshing beverage enjoyed by sailors.
- d. A rousing nautical song.

10

A "barnacle" is:

- a. A tall tale told by a sailor.
- b. Where the animals are kept on a ship.
- c. A crustacean that clings to rocks and floating objects in the sea.
- d. A nose-hair remover for sailors.

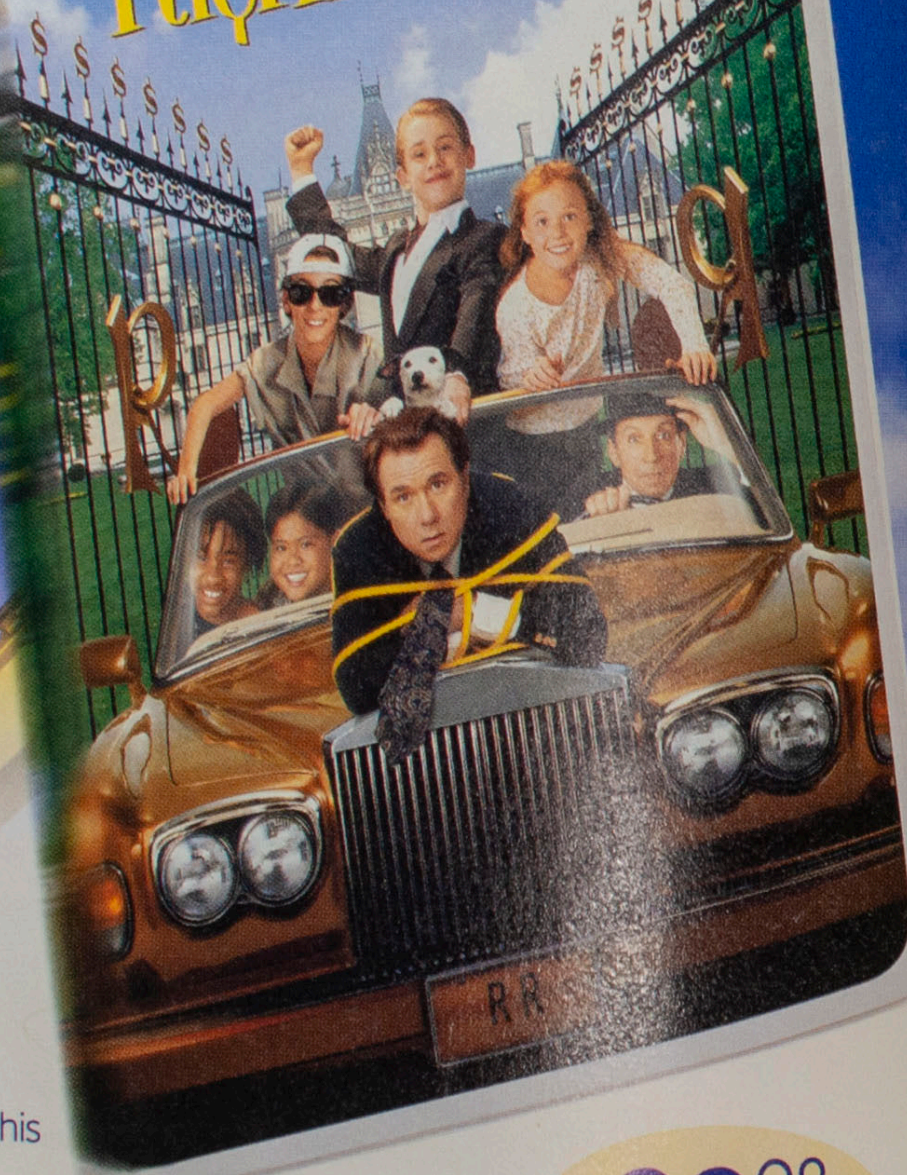
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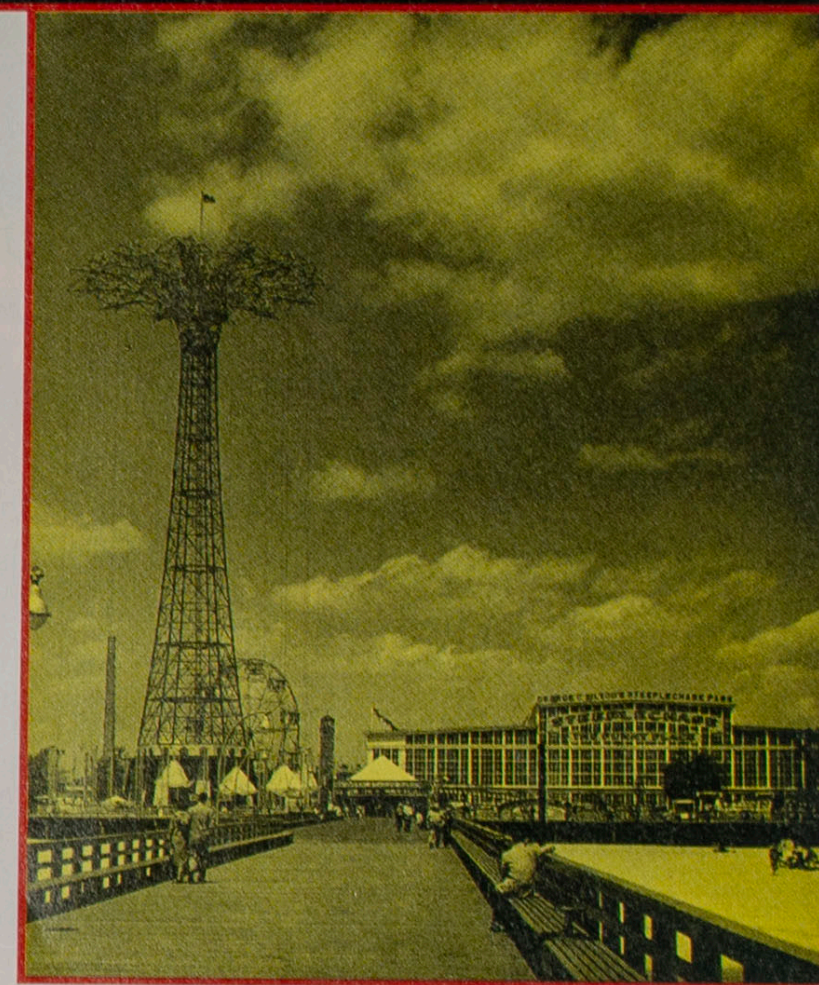
UNDER THE BOARDWALK

As told to Maria D. Rosado



Hello, again. I'm Edgar, the custodian at Usher Middle School. While school's out, I run the fun house here at Poe's Playland Pier. I love seeing all you kiddies having a blast in the Rolling Barrel and the Tunnel of Laughs. But it's a shame how many of you seem to get lost in the Mirror Maze—forever! Well, I was going to tell you three scary stories, but a gust of wind from a passing roller coaster mixed up the pages. Can you help me put them back in order? Pick a **beginning**, a **middle**, and an **ending** to make up a story. There are 27 possible combinations. Try to figure out what the three original stories were.

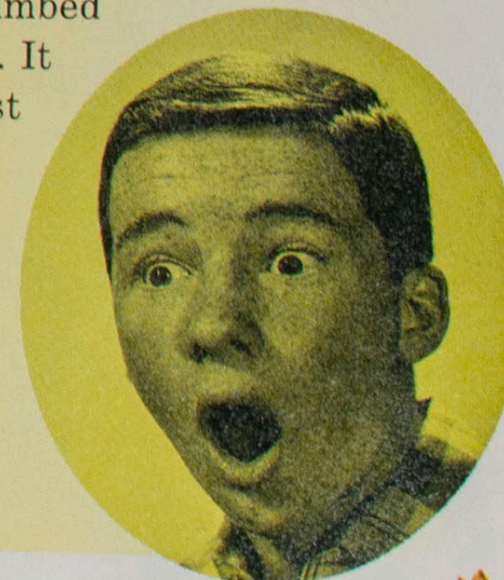
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Beginnings

A School was out and all Ted and Jess could think about was the beach and the boardwalk. Weird rumors were spreading—stories about demons, sea monsters, and escaped lunatics with wild white hair. But nothing could keep them from going on their favorite ride, the Whip—not even the story the ticket taker told them about the sand demon who haunted the boardwalk. "Years ago," he said, "some kids buried a guy in the sand. They ran off and left him buried up to his neck. The tide rushed in and he was never seen again—alive. Today, his ghost seeks revenge on

kids." The ticket taker, a weird guy in a baseball cap, added that other gruesome things lurked beneath the boardwalk. Jess and Ted were spooked, but wanted one last spin on the Whip. They climbed aboard the empty ride. It had just made its first fast spin when Ted felt someone staring at him. He turned and his eyes widened in fear...





Beginnings

B

Jess and Ted walked the pier, surprised to see that the rides and boardwalk were nearly deserted. They stopped a kid to ask where everyone was. "Haven't you heard?" he said. "There's something out there." He pointed at the ocean, and warned them that the boardwalk wasn't safe at night. Ted and Jess just laughed. They'd heard all the stories about sea creatures, a sand demon, and a crazed white-haired fun house operator who'd escaped from the local loony bin, but it would have taken more than that to keep them away from their favorite ride, the Whip. Just then a deep growl rumbled over the sea. "Uh-oh, thunder," said Ted. "Better hurry and get on the Whip before they shut down the rides." Ted and Jess were in such a rush, they didn't notice the weird look in the eyes of the guy running the Whip. They hopped on and the ride began—even though they were the only ones on it. Suddenly, screams rose from all along the boardwalk. The kids thought it was just people having fun on other rides. Then the Whip spun them around and they saw the real reason for the screaming...



C

One night, Ted and Jess decided to ride all the scariest rides on the boardwalk. It was easy, because for some reason there were no lines. When they ran into a lone kid, they found out why. "See those wanted posters for the escaped psycho?" the kid asked. "He worked in the fun house but went crazy after he got lost in the Hall of Mirrors. Now he likes to scare kids until their hair turns white like his." Ted and Jess stared at the kid. *Her* hair was white. "I didn't run fast enough," she said. She told them that the psycho could conjure up a creepy sand demon and a huge sea monster—and seeing either would frighten you silly. Despite her tale, Ted and Jess decided to take one final turn on the Whip. Jess didn't like how the ticket taker smiled at them from under the brim of his large baseball cap, but got on anyway. No one else was on the ride, but Ted and Jess didn't sense anything was terribly wrong—until the Whip made its first spin. That's when Jess saw something behind them. "Ted!" she screamed in terror. "Look!"...

Middles



I don't give in to pier pressure.

1

...Ted knew then they were in really big trouble. The ticket taker had whipped off his baseball hat and revealed a head of wild white hair. Only one guy had hair like that—the escaped psycho. And he was at the controls! Laughing wildly, the psycho howled, "Wanna see the sand demon?" Ted and Jess screamed. "Wanna see the sea beast?" More screams. "No? You just want to ride, huh?" Panicked, Ted and Jess said nothing. That was a mistake. "Maybe you just wanna go...faster!" Jess and Ted hollered, "No!" but it was too late. The

psycho cranked the ride up a notch, then another and another. Ted and Jess were spinning out of control when the ride came to a sudden, screeching halt. "Your little ride's not over yet," the psycho yelled. "Now you're gonna go...backward!" Before Ted and Jess could wriggle under the safety bar, the ride began flying backward. "Is your hair white yet? No?" the psycho asked. Suddenly, the safety bar snapped open and Ted and Jess were flung out of the car into the air...

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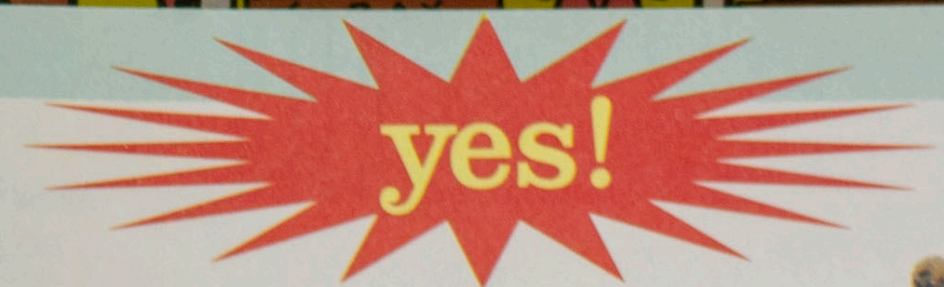


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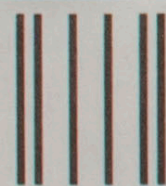
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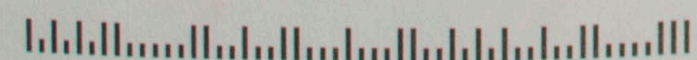
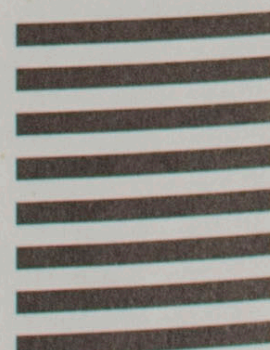
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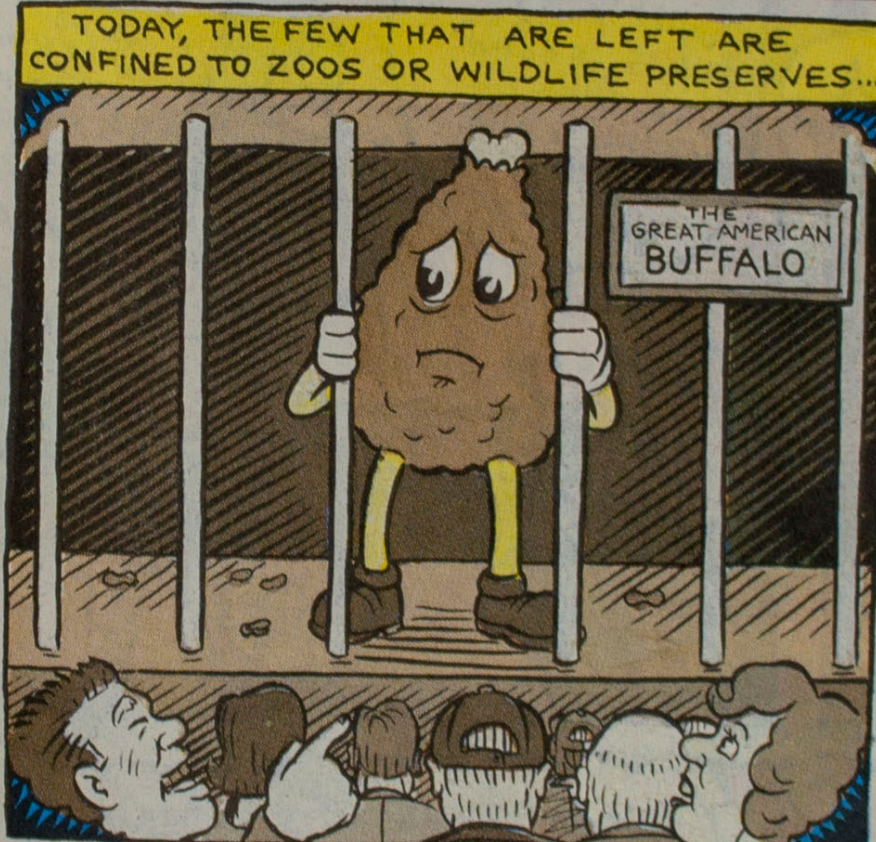
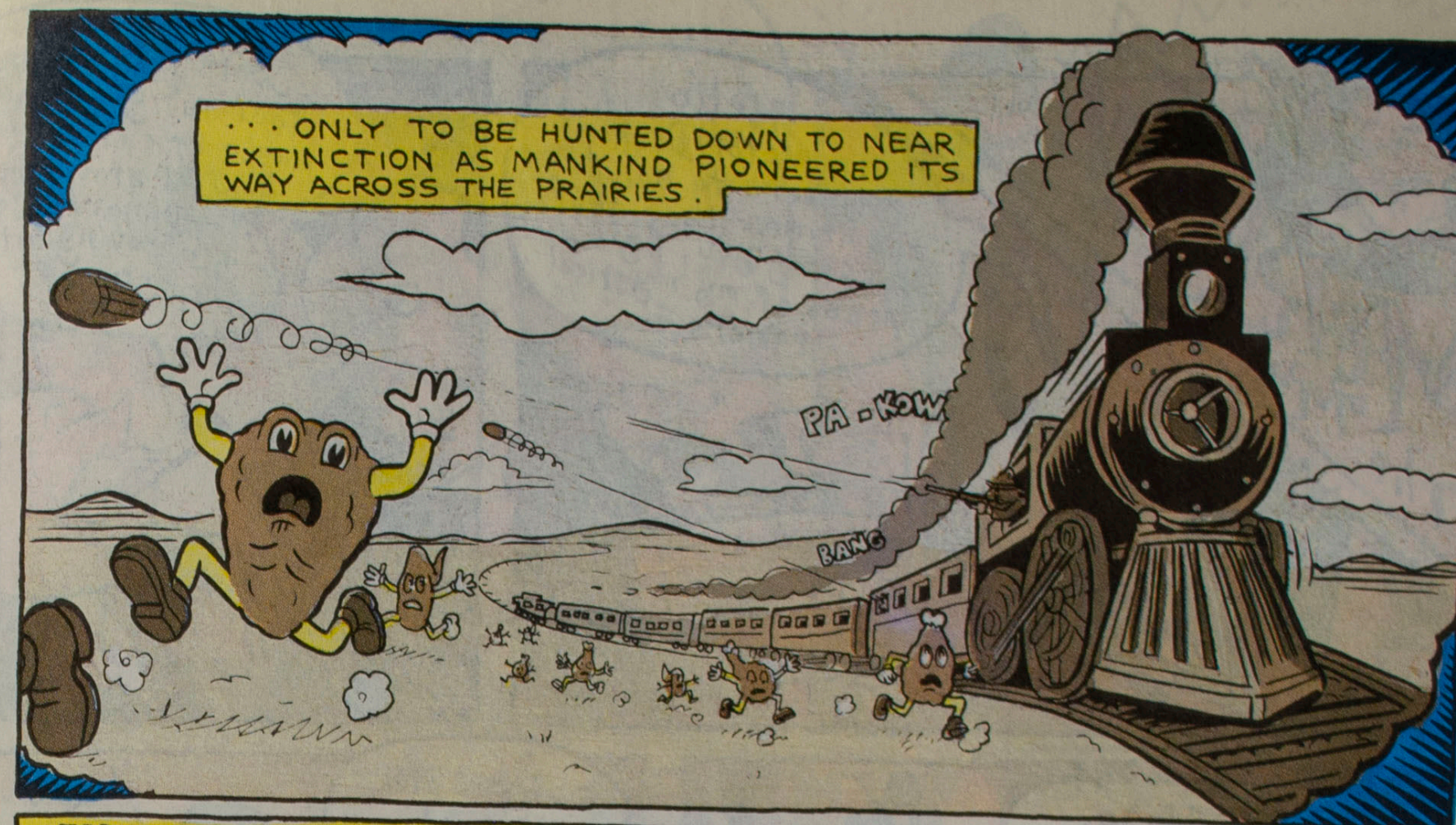
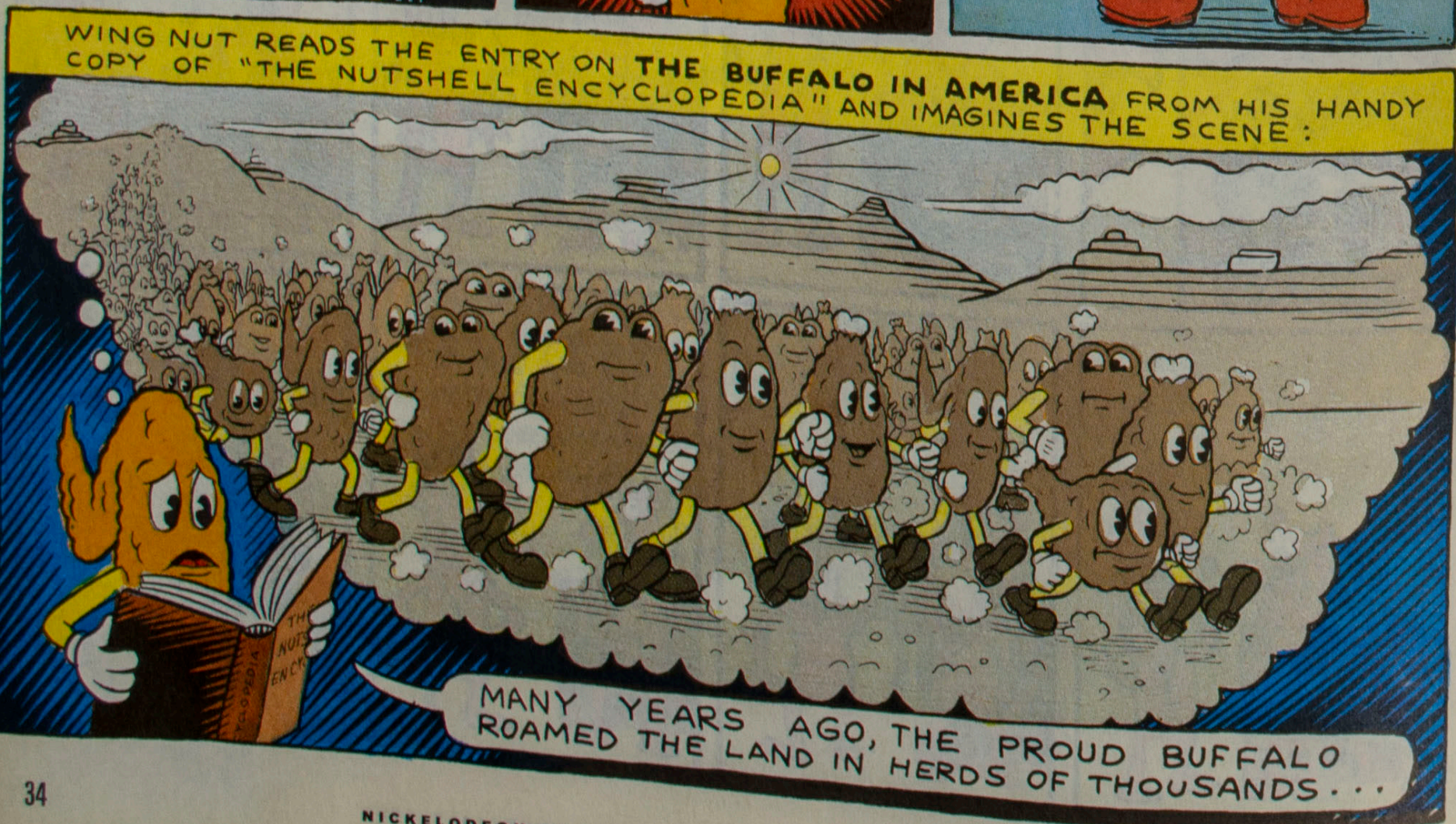
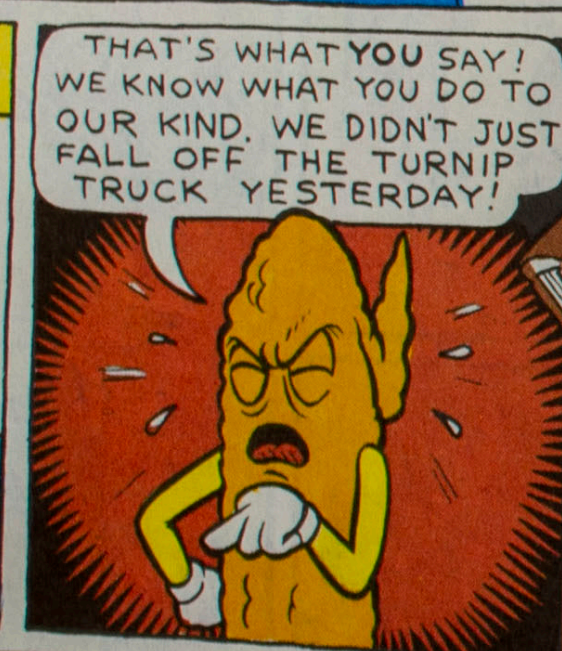
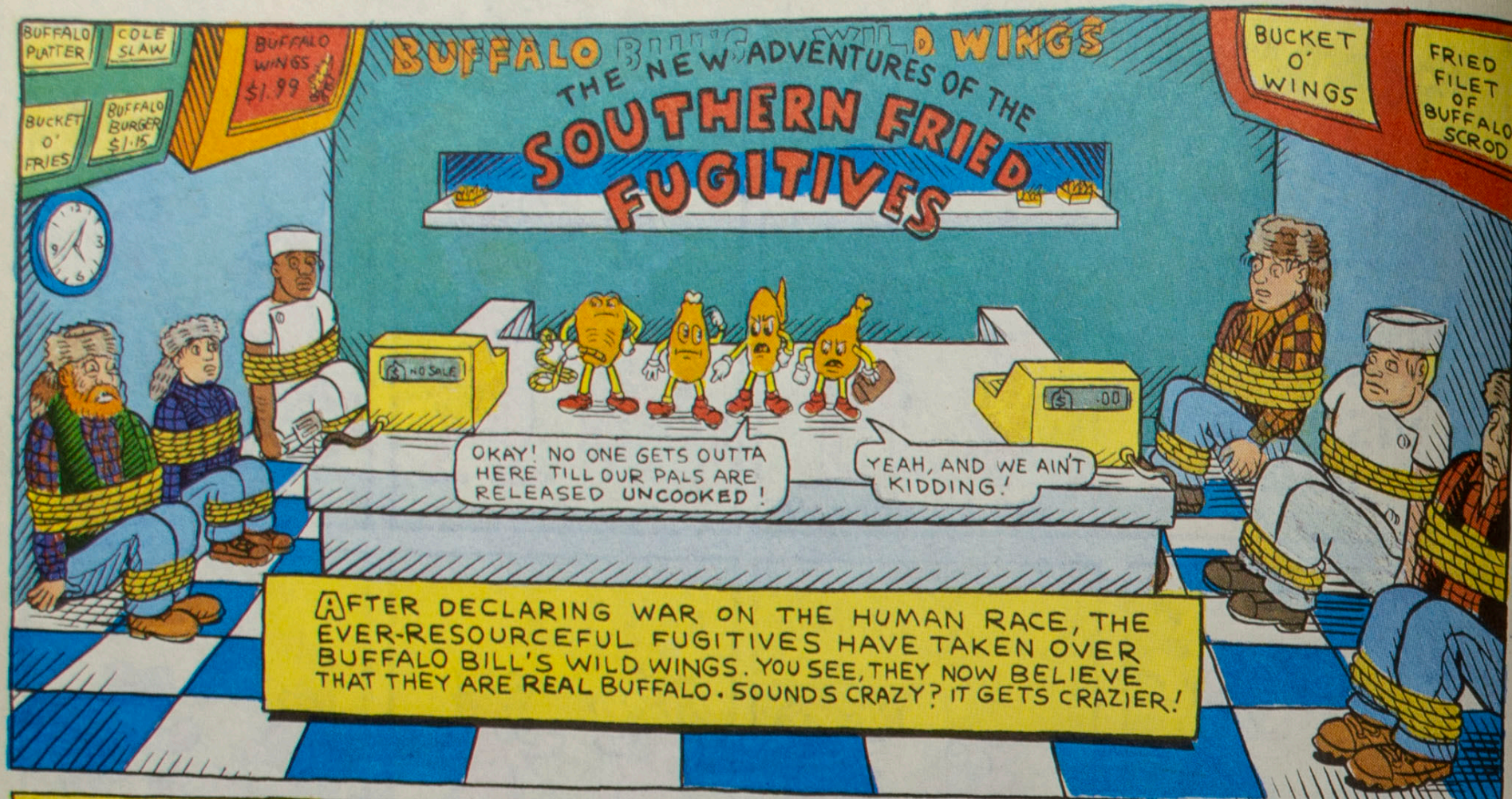


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Hello, Inspector Drollop! I'm here to solve any crimes that are baffling you, by means of my mystical powers!

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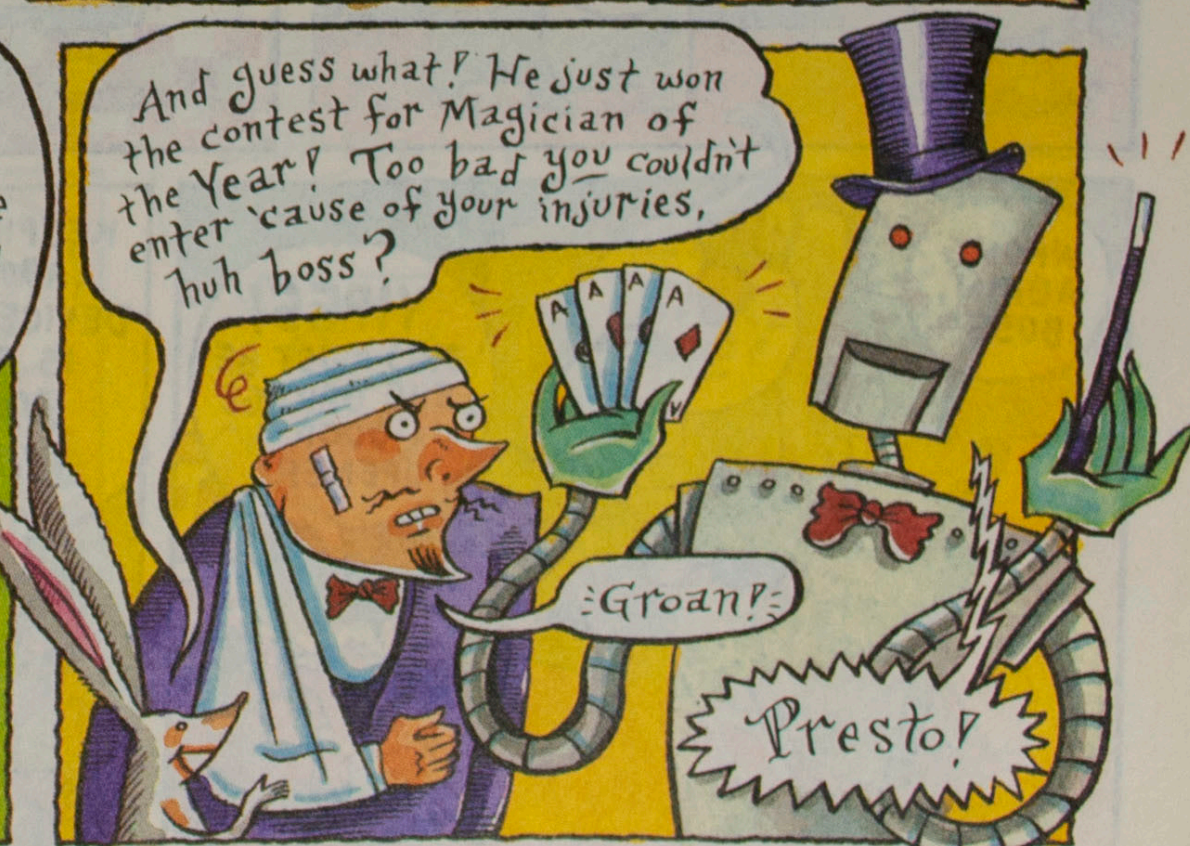
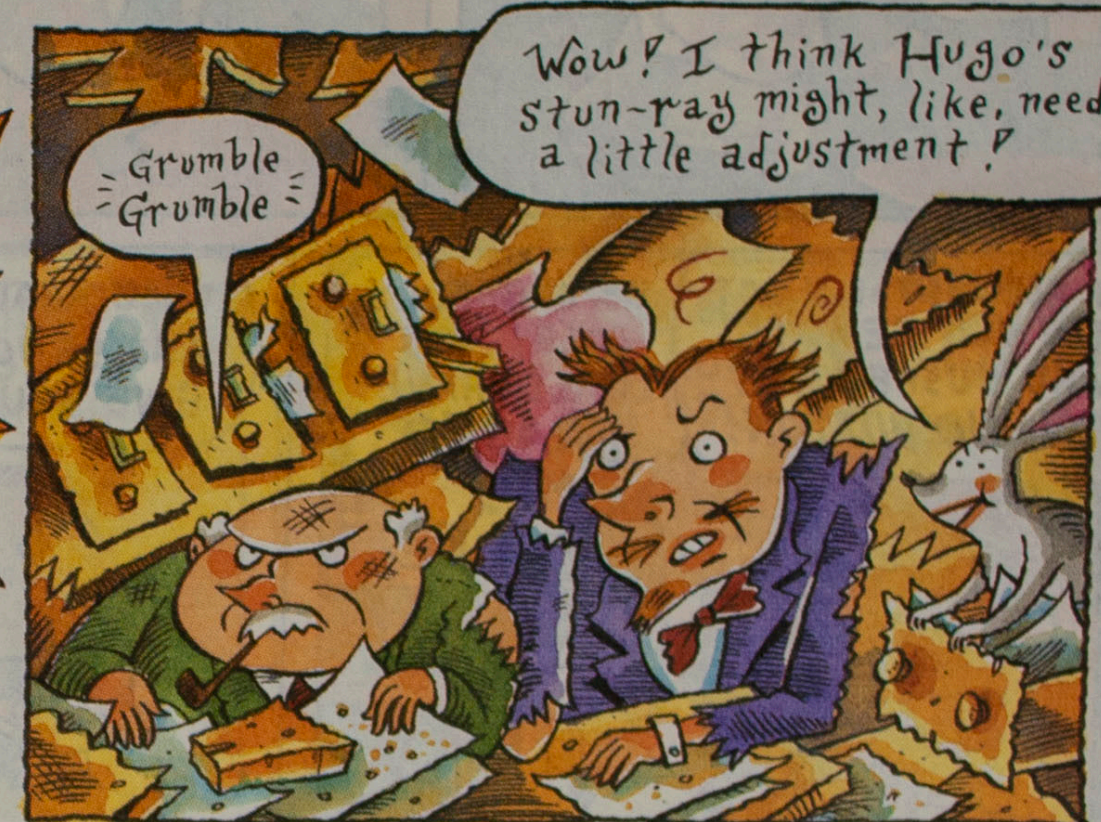
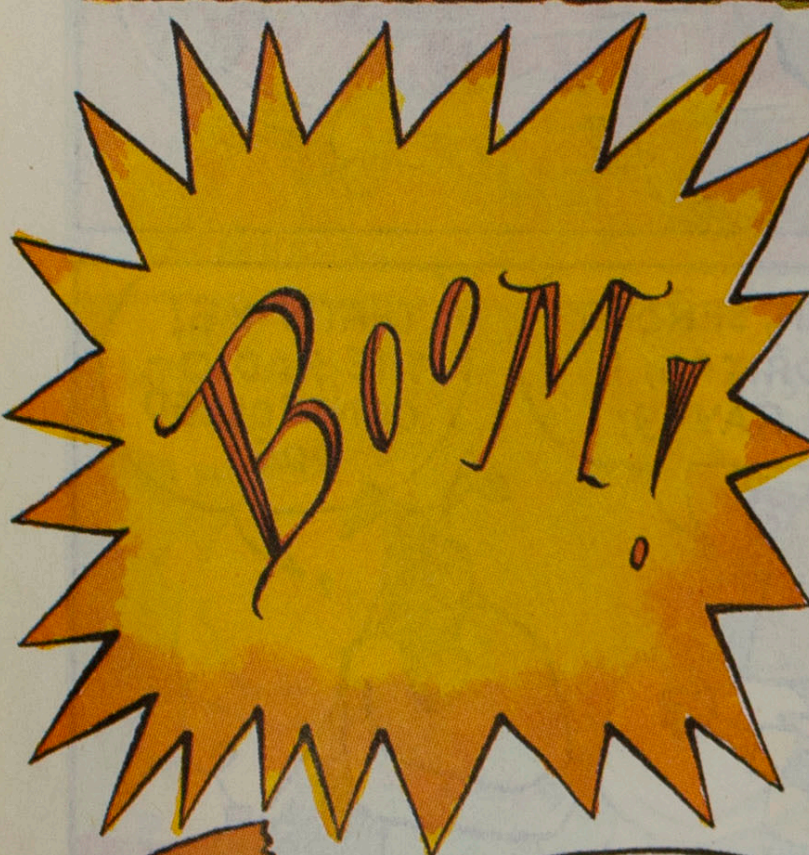
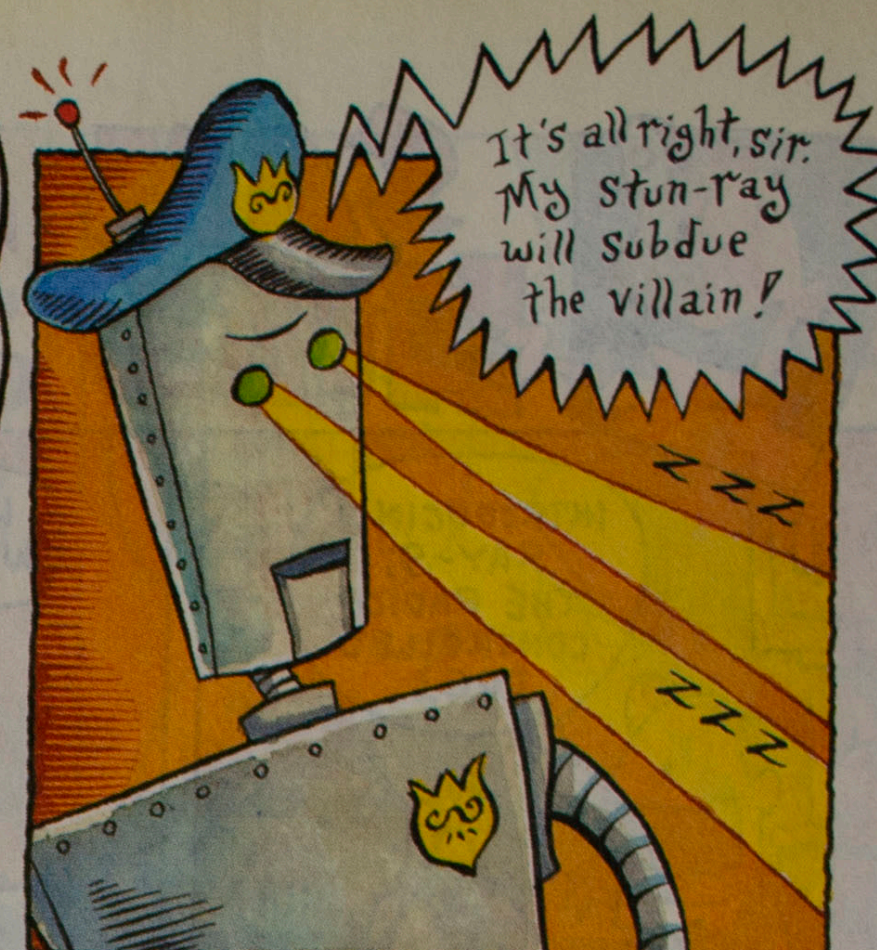
Good afternoon, citizens!

Ha ha! Isn't he great?!

Uh~ Sure?

Hmph! Imagine trying to replace a genius like me with that... that... tin can!

I've got an idea: I'll magically project a hologram of a known criminal - and that bucket of bolts will look goofy trying to catch someone who isn't really there!



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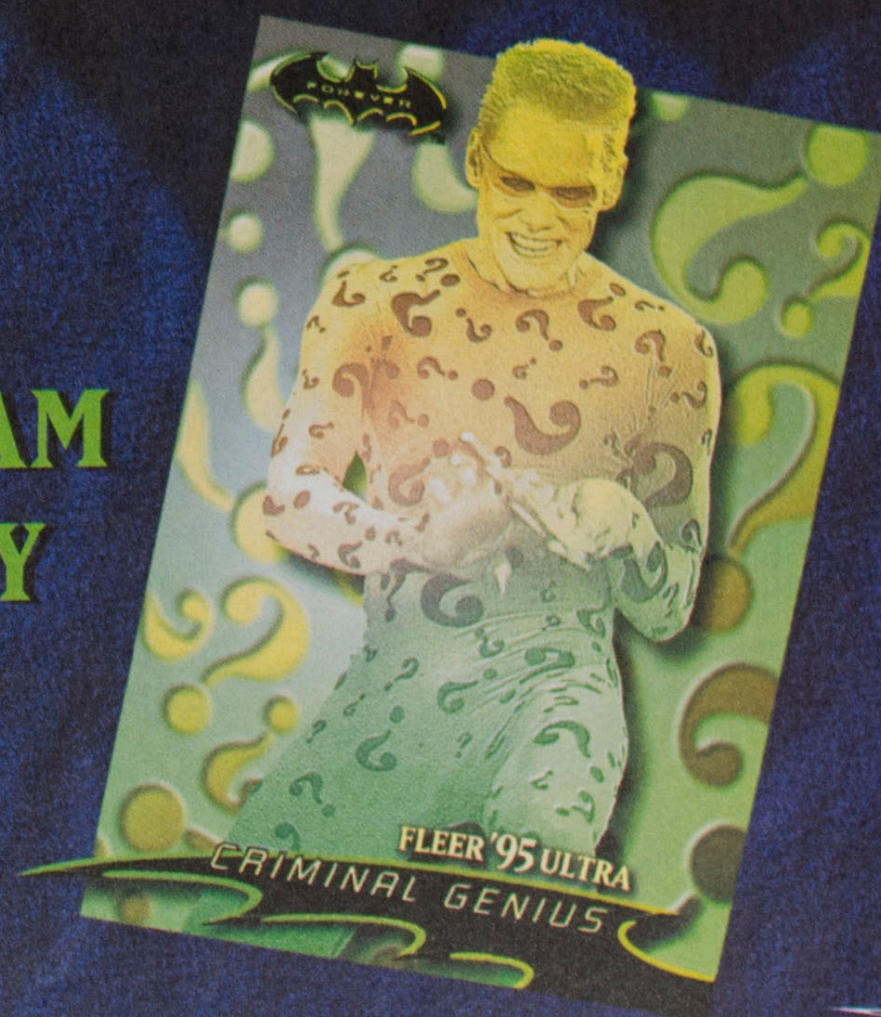
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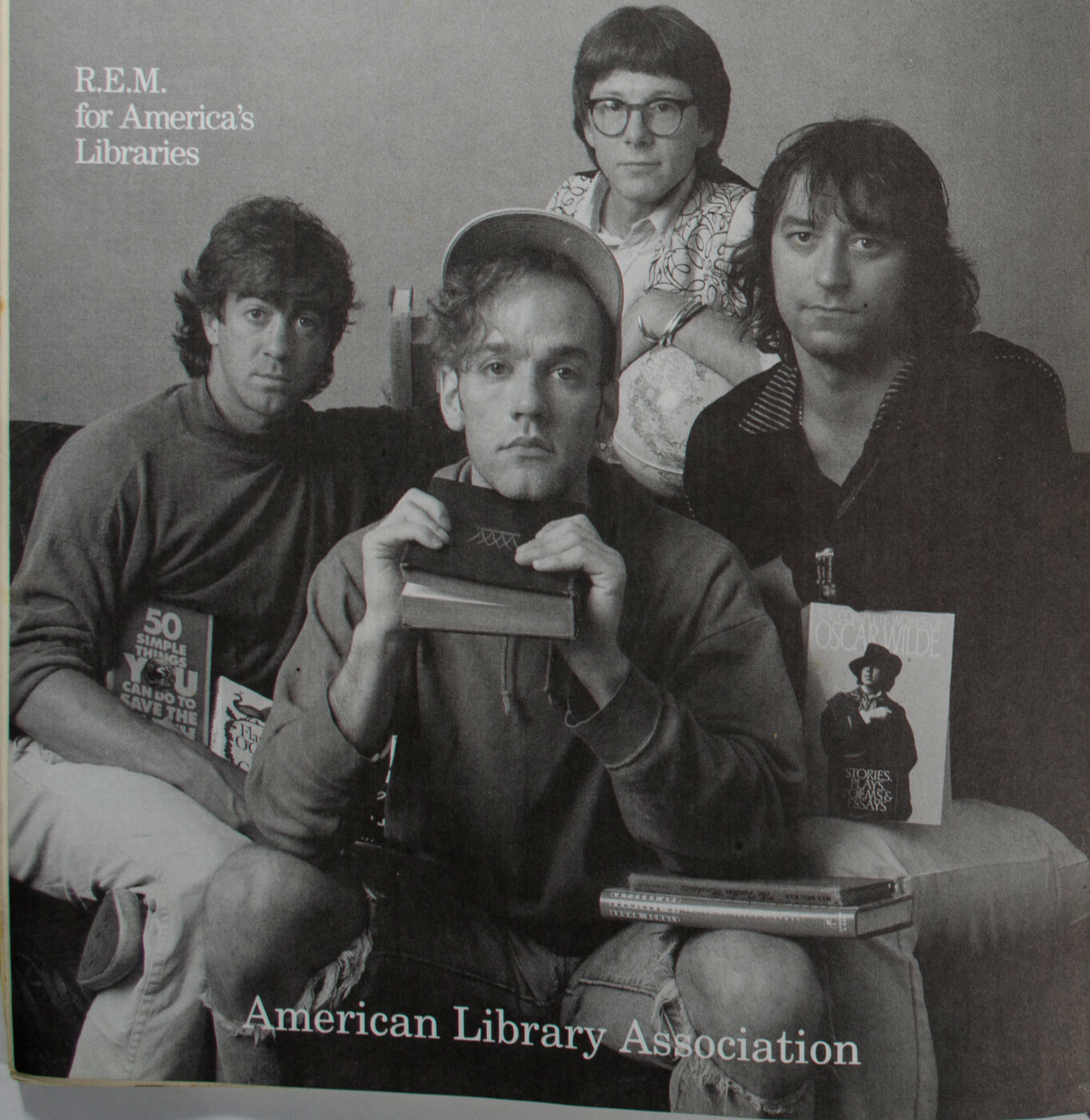


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11 Jacques Cousteau born, 1910 Take a dive.	12 George Bush born, 1924 Eat broccoli.	13 Doodle here.	14 Flag Day Be a star and earn your stripes.	8 	9 Nothing funny ever happens on this day Make something happen.	10 It must be someone's birthday Buy yourself a present.
18 Father's Day Learn to tie a necktie.	19 First recorded baseball game played, 1846 Go on strike.	20 The day before summer begins in the Northern Hemisphere Finish your spring cleaning.	21 First day of winter in the Southern Hemisphere Eat a snow cone.	15 Wade Boggs born, 1958 Go three for four.	16 International Wizard of Oz Club convention begins in Illinois Why not in Kansas?	17 Iceland National Holiday Make ice cubes.
25 Virginia becomes the 10th state, 1788 Carry yourself back to Ole Virginny.	26 United Nations Charter signed, 1945 Establish world peace.	27 Ross Perot born, 1930 Change your mind.	28 Buy nose plugs. (see July 1)	22 Zodiac sign Cancer begins You can be crabby today.	23 Second day of Cancer Stop being so shellfish!	24 First reported UFO sighting, 1947 Clean all your saucers.
				29 Independence Day in Seychelles Sell seashells.	30 Independence Day in Zaire Start all your words with the letter z today.	

DESIGN-A-RIDE CONTEST

Imagine having your own amusement park. How would you make it unique? What kind of rides would you have? Design a fantastic ride and you could win Nickelodeon Home Videos, a baseball cap, a T-shirt, and other cool Nickelodeon stuff! Here's what to do:

1 Dream up an amusement park ride that no one has ever seen before. It can be crazy, like a Lobster-Go-Round, or scary, like the Hall of Assistant Principals.



2 Describe the ride in words or draw a picture of it (or do both). Let your imagination run wild.



I used to work as a carnival barker.



Mail your entry by July 22, 1995, to:

Design-A-Ride Contest
NICKELODEON MAGAZINE
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We'll choose three winners and print their ideas in a future issue.

Please include your name, address, phone number, and age with your entry. Remember, we cannot return submissions.

All entries become the exclusive property of NICKELODEON MAGAZINE.

JULY

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



2 Halfway point of 1995
Go halvesies on everything.



3 Tom Cruise born, 1962
Interview your favorite vampire.



4 "America the Beautiful" published, 1895
Visit a fruited plain.



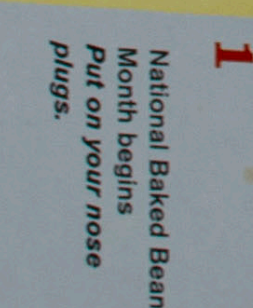
5 P.T. Barnum born, 1810
Turn your house into a three-ring circus.



6 Sylvester Stallone born, 1946
Be sly.



7 The day matches the month: 7-7
Your lucky day?



8 Ugly Truck Contest in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota
Where's the ugly pelican contest held?

1

National Baked Bean Month begins
Put on your nose plugs.

9 Tom Hanks born, 1956
Have a box of chocolates.

10

Wyoming becomes the 44th state, 1890
Wyoming? Why not?

11

John Quincy Adams born, 1767
Follow in your dad's footsteps.

12

Full moon
Have a howling good time.

13

Harrison Ford born, 1942
Raid a lost ark.

14

Bastille Day in FRANCE
Eat French fries.

15

Rembrandt born, 1606
Go Dutch.

16 National Ice Cream Day
Scream! Then melt.

17

David Hasselhoff born, 1952
Save a life.

18

John Glenn born, 1921
Go into orbit.

19

Lizzie Borden born, 1860
Don't even ax.

20

Hot Dog born in Luverne, Minnesota
Who cuts the mustard?

21

Robin Williams born, 1952
Dress up like an old lady.

22

Rat Catchers Day
Don't try this at home.

23 Zodiac sign Leo begins
Let out a roar.

24

Amelia Earhart born, 1898
Fly away.

25

A Chorus Line opens on Broadway, 1975
Be a singular sensation.

26

New York becomes the 11th state, 1788
The Empire State strikes back.

27

H.J. Heinz is incorporated, 1900
A day that struck fear into the hearts of tomatoes everywhere.

28

The French Revolution's Reign of Terror ends, 1794
Eat cake.

29

NASA is established, 1958
Have a blast-off!

30 Arnold Schwarzenegger born, 1947
Get ready to terminate July.

31

Phe! Baked Bean Month is over.
Remove nose plugs.

Secrets of

COTTON CANDY



Cotton candy has been around for more than 2,000 years. A modern version was introduced as "fairy floss" in 1900 at a circus.

A man named Thomas Patton heated sugar on a spinning hot plate, creating the sweet, cottony concoction. In some places, such as Australia, cotton candy is still known as fairy floss. In Germany, it's called "sugar cotton," and in France, it's known as "father's beard."



STEP 1

The sugar mixture (sugar, flavoring, and coloring) is poured into the "head" of a cotton-candy maker. The head is a heated cylinder with little holes in it, which spins around very fast. It's located in the center of the cotton-candy maker and is surrounded by a pan that catches the candy.



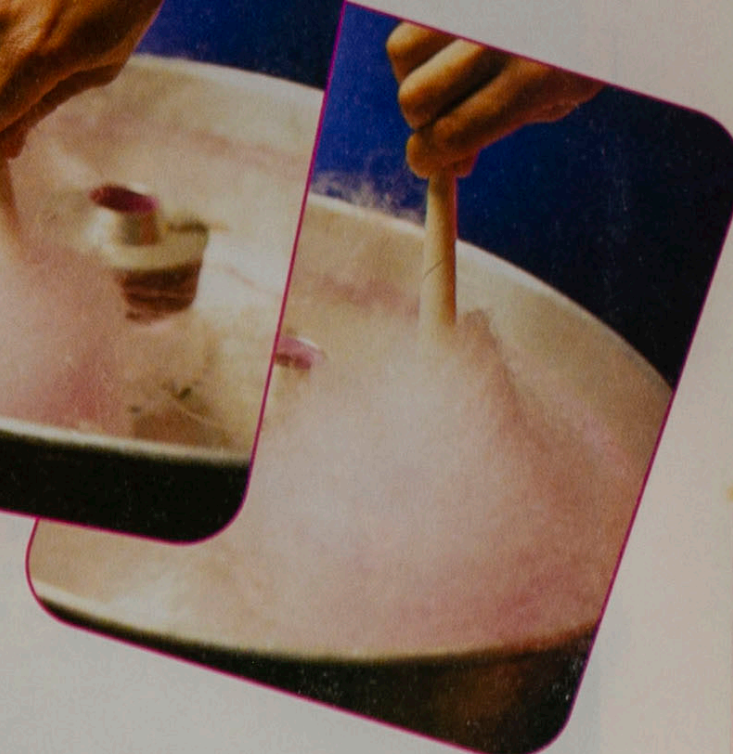
STEP 2

When the sugar mixture is heated, it turns into a liquid. Because the head is spinning, the liquid is propelled through the holes of the head and into the pan. When the liquid strings touch the air, they solidify, kind of like the web Spider-Man shoots from his wrists.



STEP 3

This is the tricky part—trying to get the little wisps of candy onto a paper cone. You have to move your arm clockwise around the pan while spinning the cone counterclockwise.



STEP 4

Eat! The finished cotton candy should be wrapped in airtight plastic, or eaten immediately. If the cotton candy comes into contact with too much moist air, it will melt, just like it does when you put it in your mouth. A good cotton-candy machine can make more than 300 one-ounce servings in an hour.



Episode 10

Ruffing It

ROOM SERVICE

Featuring
Zelda Van Gutters, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's roving reporter


1 Zelda and her mother, Zuzu, enjoy a fancy dinner at Le Slurp restaurant. They discuss their summer plans.



Why not go visit your handsome Irish rover, Rufus FitzPumpkin? Isn't he in Paris writing poetry?

You're right! There's no reason to spend the dog days here in town.

2 Zelda arrives in Paris. Outside Rufus's apartment, she meets his neighbor Simone de Bovine, a philosopher.



Rufus left with another Irish setter, a female. He said he was going to the Barkmore Hotel in New York. C'est la flea.

This is an udder disaster! I'd better get moo-ving.

3 Zelda runs to the airport. But every airline is booked, except for a new one called Air Vinnie.

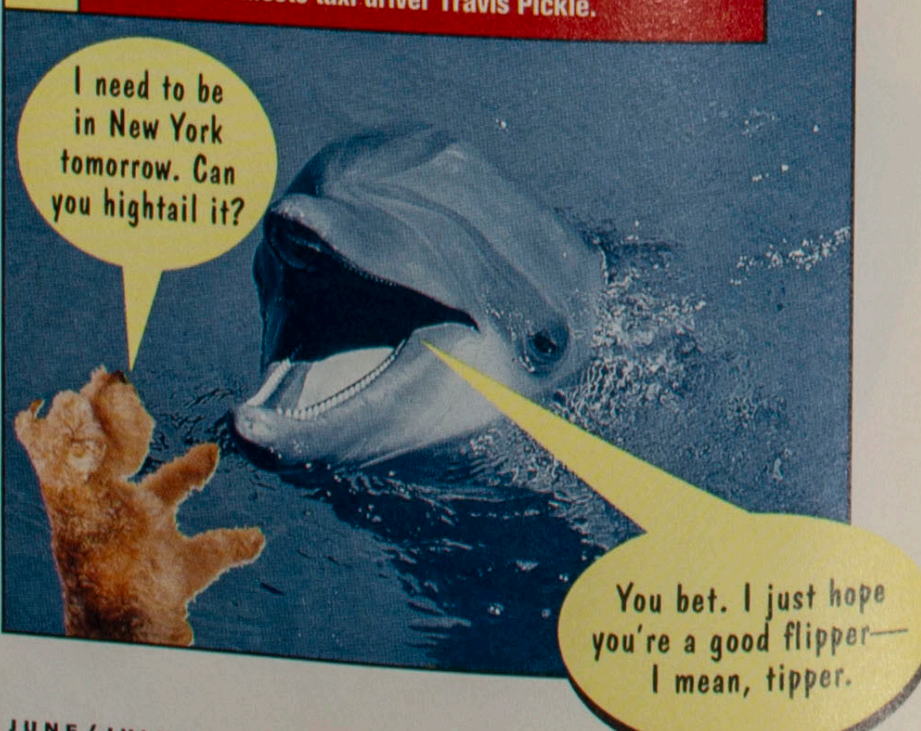


What kind of planes do you fly?

AIR VINNIE
"Something Scary in the Air"

Propeller planes. The propeller is on the captain's hat. Now, how do you wish to pay?

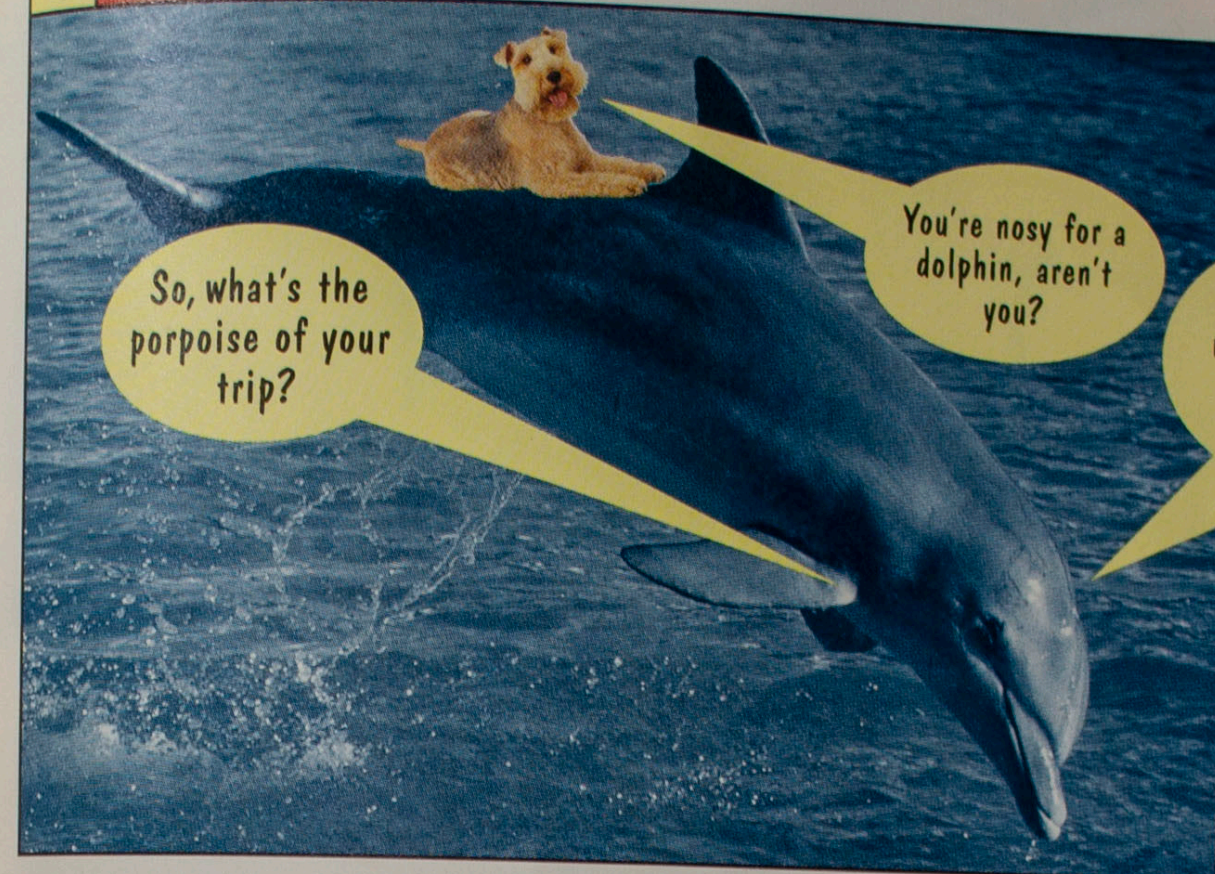
4 Zelda decides to dog-paddle across the Atlantic instead. But then she meets taxi driver Travis Pickle.



I need to be in New York tomorrow. Can you hightail it?

You bet. I just hope you're a good flipper—I mean, tipper.

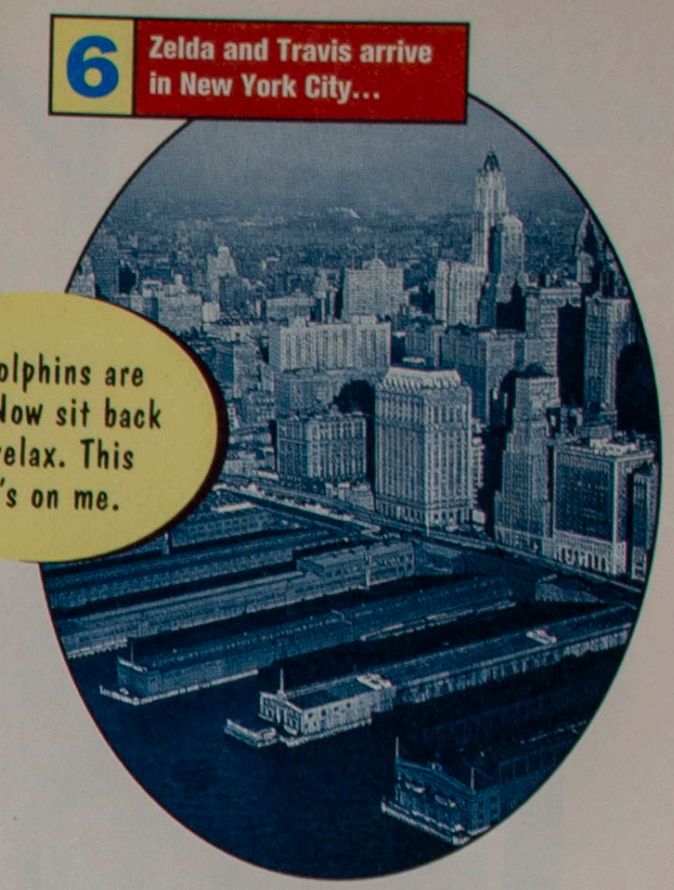
5 Zelda and Travis speed across the Atlantic.



So, what's the porpoise of your trip?

You're nosy for a dolphin, aren't you?

All dolphins are nosy. Now sit back and relax. This ride's on me.



7 ...where Zelda goes to the Barkmore Hotel. But there's a problem with the bellhop.



Only guests are allowed upstairs, lady.

If you don't let me upstairs, I'll really ring your bell. I must see Rufus!


8 Zelda tries another approach. She makes friends with a room-service waiter.



Mr. and Mrs. FitzPumpkin checked in today. You must be a big fan of his if you want to sneak into his room so much.

Mrs. FitzPumpkin? He's married? I'll rip that canine cad's ears off.

9 They barge in on Rufus and his female friend.



Zelly! This is my mother. We came to New York just so she could meet you.

Yes, my dear, and you've inspired me again! Here's a poem:
I know when my gal gets suspicious
She rides on the backs of big fishes.
But there's no need to worry,
For our love, it is furry.
Now let's eat. That food looks delicious!

Your mother???



The Movie Couch



He's Batman!



This summer, **Val Kilmer** stars as the Caped Crusader in **Batman Forever**.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE spoke with Val on the Movie Couch and asked him what happens when you go batty. **R**



Nickelodeon Magazine:

What was the best thing about playing Batman?

Val Kilmer: When kids visited the set. Every so often people would bring their kids by. It was great.

NM: What was the hardest thing?

VK: Wearing the suit.

NM: How long did it take to get into your bat suit?

VK: About half an hour. And it weighed about 40 pounds. But I could only keep the suit on for an hour at a time, then I had to get out of it because it would get too hot and I would get dehydrated. You see, the suit's all latex and it's not ventilated, either, so I'd start sweating immediately, especially when I was under the lights.

NM: In *Batman Forever*, how many stunts did you do yourself?

VK: I did just about all of them.

NM: What was it like making a movie with Jim Carrey?

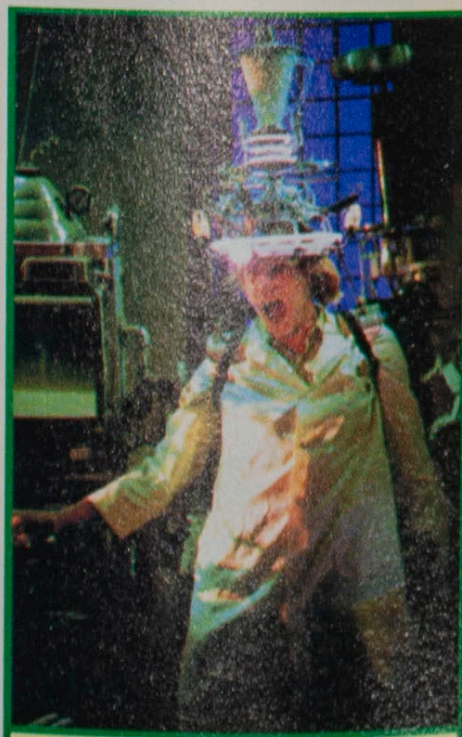
VK: He'd always be trying to goof around and make us laugh. He's great as the Riddler.

NM: Is Jim Carrey "dumb" or "dumber"?

VK: Actually, he's very bright.

NM: When you were growing up, did you watch the Batman TV show?

VK: I have a very vivid memory of when *Batman* started on TV. I was in third grade. My family wasn't much of a TV family, so I didn't watch the very first episode. When I got to school the next morning, *Batman* was the only subject on the playground. Everyone was talking about it. It was funny—by the end of the day I knew the whole show, even though I hadn't seen it.



BLENDING IN? Jim Carrey as the Riddler.



THREE FACES OF EVIL: Two-Face (Tommy Lee Jones) and the Riddler (Jim Carrey).

NM: Did you ever think you would grow up to play Batman?

VK: No. But when I was about 10, I went to the *Batman* TV set because a friend of the family did special effects on the show. I got to sit in the Batmobile and everything. It was really cool.

NM: What kind of 12-year-old were you?

VK: Adventurous. Kind of wild. I raced motocross and surfed all the time.

NM: You can surf?

VK: Yeah, I started when I was about 10 years old.

NM: Were you in school plays?

VK: Yes. In eighth grade, I played a professor in *The Mouse that Roared*. I also played Scrooge in a musical version of *A Christmas Carol*.



THEIR WHEEL IDENTITIES: Bruce Wayne (Val Kilmer) and Dick Grayson (Chris O'Donnell).

NM: Is Val your real name?

VK: Yes. My father named me after his best friend. I didn't like the name as a kid, because I got teased all the time. But now that I'm older, I like my name. It's unique.

NM: Growing up, did you have a favorite family vacation?

VK: Yes. It was when we went to Arizona and New Mexico. I always loved going to the desert.

NM: What was your worst summer job?

VK: I had a lot of summer jobs when I was growing up. My paper route was a bad one. But I think one of the worst jobs I ever had was counting rivets in my dad's warehouse for a day. He was punishing me.

NM: Do you have any pets?

VK: Lots. On my ranch in New Mexico, I've got horses, dogs, cats, and chickens. I also have three buffaloes.

NM: What are their names?

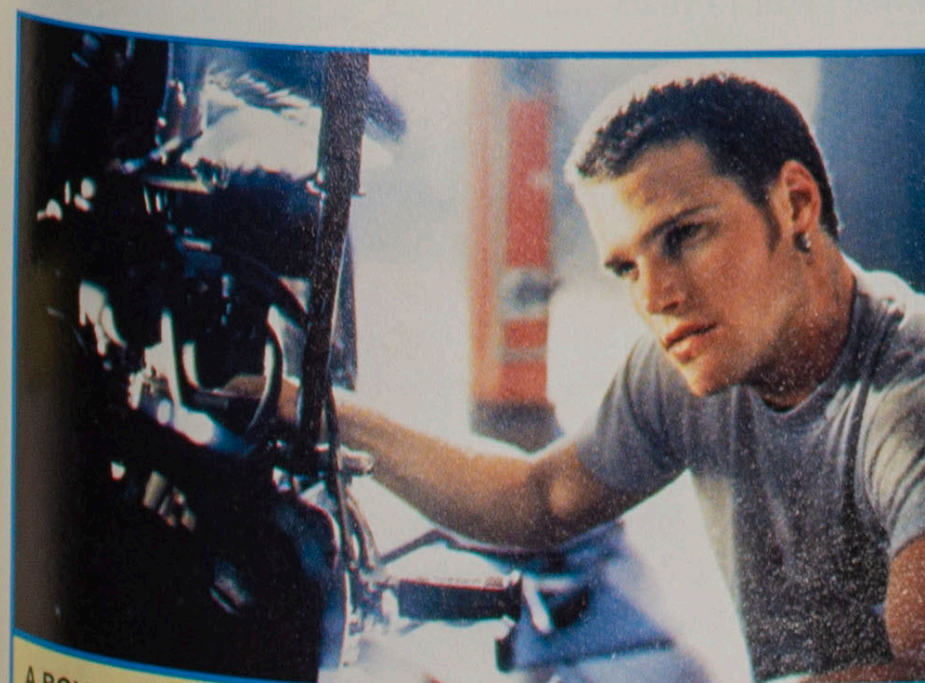
VK: James Brown, Jezebel, and Bambi.

NM: What's the worst thing about being a movie star?

VK: It's very hard to be in public. You can't go out a lot.

NM: Do you ever disguise yourself when you go out?

VK: Yes. I wear sunglasses a lot, and sometimes a hat.



A BOY WONDER AND HIS BIKE: Dick Grayson (Chris O'Donnell) checks out his motorcycle.

Stimulocity

continued



A bank guard goes face-to-face with Two-Face.

NM: How are you going to spend all the money you got paid for making *Batman Forever*?

VK: I'll buy a larger ranch in New Mexico.

NM: What's your least favorite vegetable?

VK: Stewed tomatoes.

NM: Does Batman eat all his vegetables?

VK: Yes.

NM: Are you afraid of bats?

VK: No. I like them a lot.

P.S.

Full first name: **Val**

Middle name: **Edward**

Favorite swimming stroke:
The crawl

Favorite band right now:
Led Zeppelin

Hometown: **Los Angeles**

Favorite subject in school: **History**

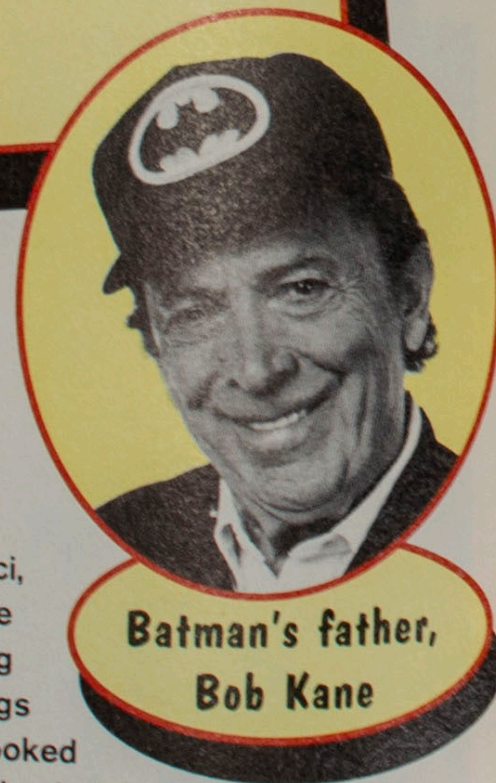
Shoe size: **10 1/2**

Pizza or ice cream? **Pizza**

More thank-you cards to pull out

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Nickelodeon Magazine: When did you invent Batman?

Bob Kane: When I was 13 years old.

NM: How did you get the idea for Batman?

BK: I was reading about Leonardo da Vinci, and I saw his sketch for the Ornithopter. The Ornithopter was his idea for a flying machine. He drew a man with cloth wings coming off of his body. To me, the man looked like a bat man. I was fascinated and I made sketches of it. Two other things influenced me. One was an old movie called *The Bat Whispers*. It was about a villain named The Bat. Also, I liked Zorro movies. Zorro was my first idol. I liked his dual identity. So, it was all three of these things that sort of got me thinking and imagining a bat man.

Holy Un-Finished Interview! Turn to page 55.

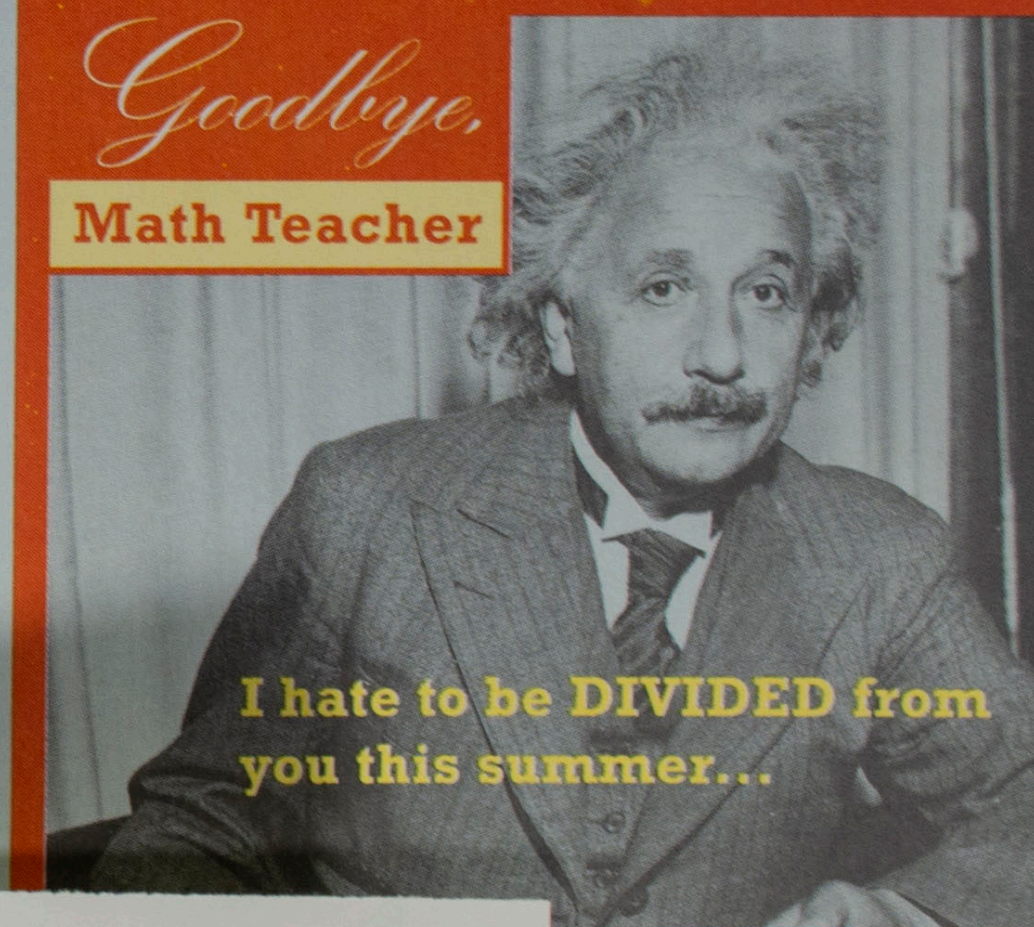


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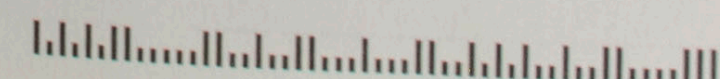
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Full first name _____

Middle name _____

Favorite swimmer _____
The craziest _____

Favorite band _____
Led Zeppelin _____

Hometown: _____

Favorite subject in school _____

Shoe size: _____

Pizza or ice cream _____



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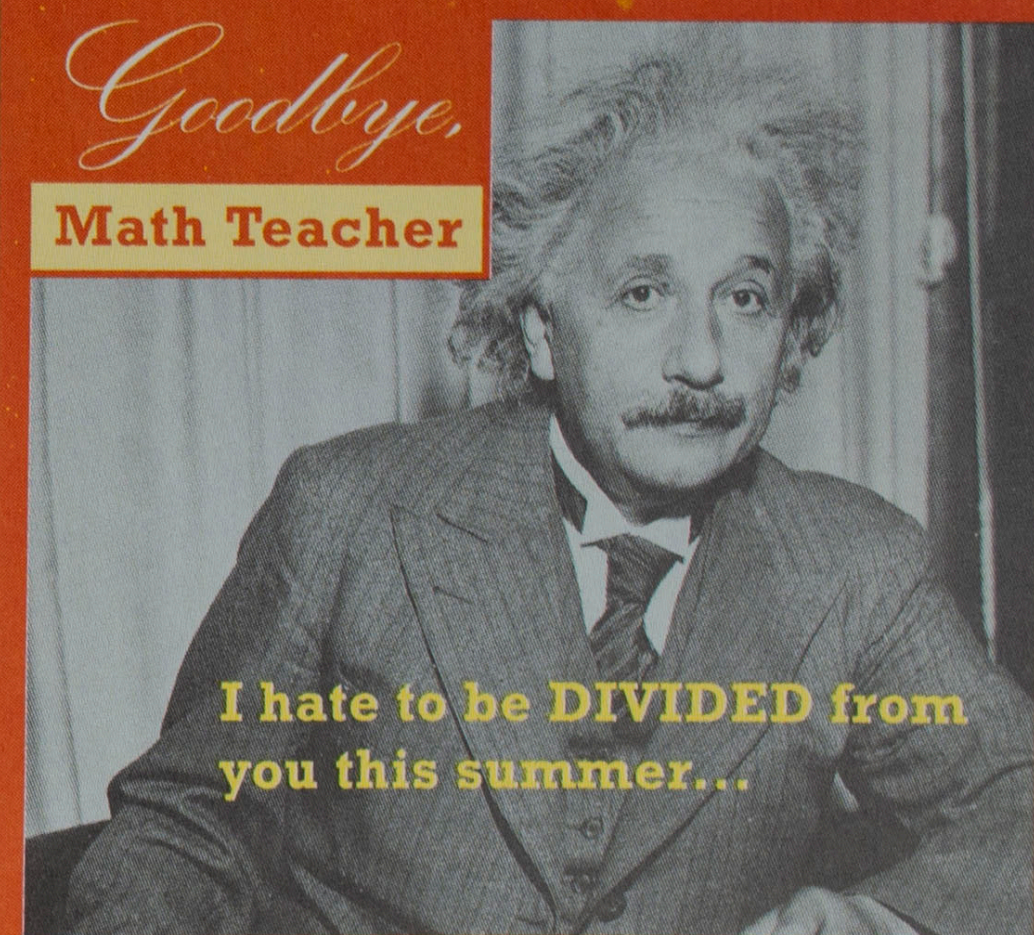
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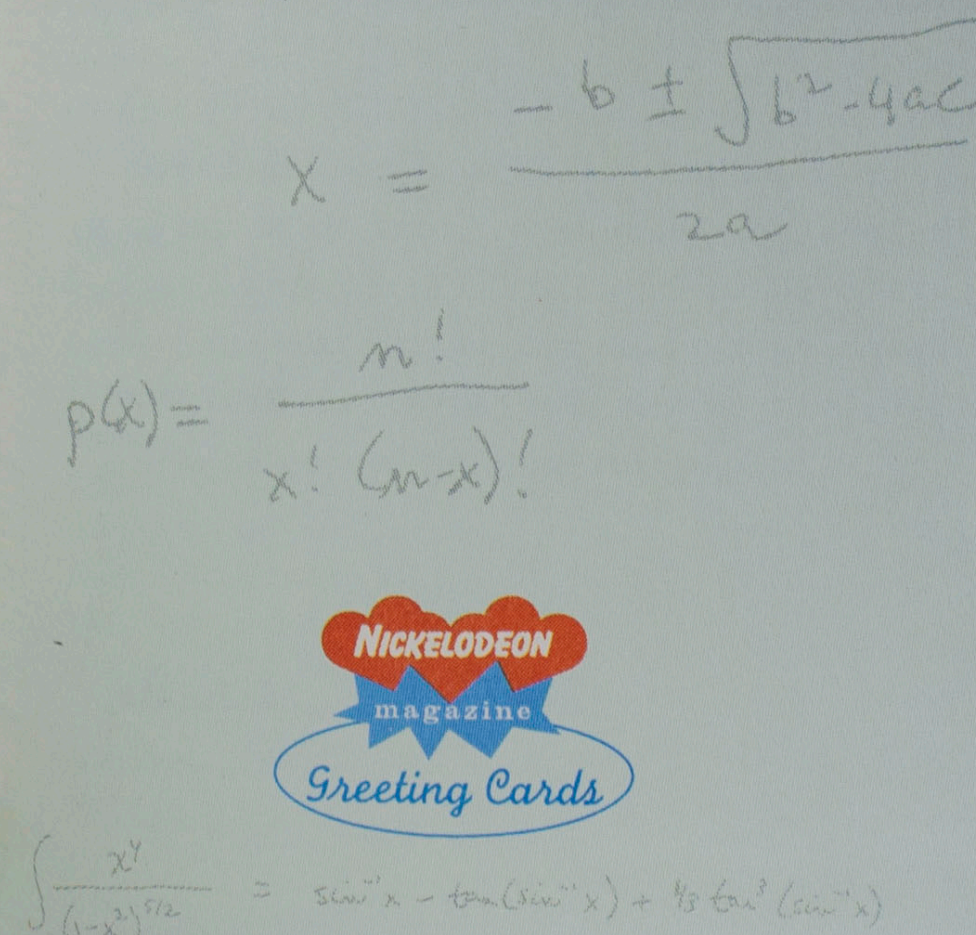
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Goodbye,
Math Teacher



I hate to be **DIVIDED** from you this summer...



Absence makes the heart grow fonder.



You put the PAL in principal.

Next year, let's hope
we don't see each other so much.

You were a welcome ADDITION to my school year. I cannot CALCULATE how much you helped me. Because of your hard work, my brain power has MULTIPLIED, and I will be spending my SUM-mer at the Albert Einstein School for Advanced Brains.

Thanks for making me a genius.

xoxoxoxo²
Your favorite calculator,

How have you improved me? Let me count the ways:

My spelling was appalling.
My grammar it was poor.
My grades they were a-falling
Right through the classroom floor.

But you my spelling did improve.
Now my grammar is symphonic.
My grades are going through the roof.
And you've got me hooked on phonics.

Your favorite student.

Farewell,
English teacher.

The Man Behind BATMAN



NM: You invented Batman when you were a kid. When did it get made into a comic strip?

BK: When I was 18, I was working at DC Comics. This was 1939, and Superman had come out the year before. The head of DC said to me, "We need another superhero." Well, he said this on a Friday. I went home that night and I pulled out the drawings I'd done as a kid of a character I'd named the Bat-Man. I spent all weekend making new sketches. Monday morning I showed the boss my idea for the Bat-Man. He loved it. And that's how Batman was born—from an idea I had when I was 13.

NM: Did you also invent Robin when you were a kid?

BK: He came later. The first year Batman was a comic, I felt there weren't enough kids reading it. So, I came up with the idea of a Boy Wonder. The head of the comic strip company thought it wasn't a good idea to show a boy fighting crime and meeting criminals. He was worried that parents would write angry letters saying that it was a bad example. But I said, "Let's run Robin once and see what happens." Well, we did and kids loved it. So Robin stayed.

NM: Did you name Robin for someone?

BK: He's named for Robin Hood.

NM: As a kid, did you doodle in class?

BK: All the time. The principal was always calling me to his office, telling me to stop. My nickname was Robbie the Doodler.

NM: How did you get interested in cartooning?

BK: My dad was my biggest influence. He worked at the *New York Daily News* and he would bring home all the comic strips. I learned how to draw by studying them and imitating them. It was then that I knew I would become a famous cartoonist.

NM: Even as a kid, you knew you'd be a famous cartoonist?

BK: Yes. Because I knew I'd found the thing I loved.

NM: Were you a boy wonder?

BK: Boy Blunder is more like it. But seriously, you have to set your goals in life. Don't let people sidetrack you. Follow your dreams—I did.



Bob Kane in
his studio in
the 1940s.

NM: What were your favorite cartoons characters as a kid?

BK: Popeye, Betty Boop, and Hawkshaw the Detective. But I read more than comics. I loved Sherlock Holmes.

NM: If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

BK: To be able to fly.

NM: Which villain do you think is scariest?

BK: The Joker. I got the idea for the Joker from a Victor Hugo book called *The Man Who Laughs*. It's about a man who had been sold as a baby to villains. They carved his mouth into a menacing smile that never left.

NM: Are any villains based on real people?

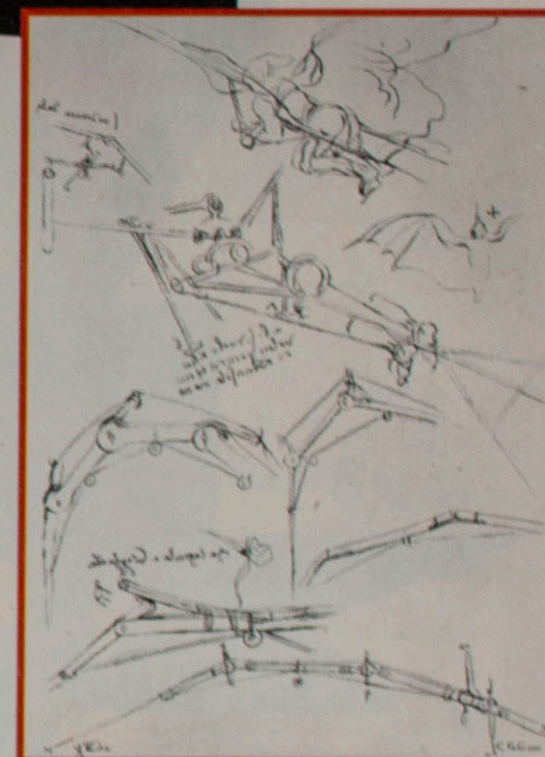
BK: No. But they're based on things I've seen. Two-Face comes from the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde idea. I made the Penguin after I saw one in a cigarette ad.

NM: Which villain is most like you?

BK: The Joker's my favorite. When I'm tired and I don't comb my hair, I look like him.

NM: Do you like real bats?

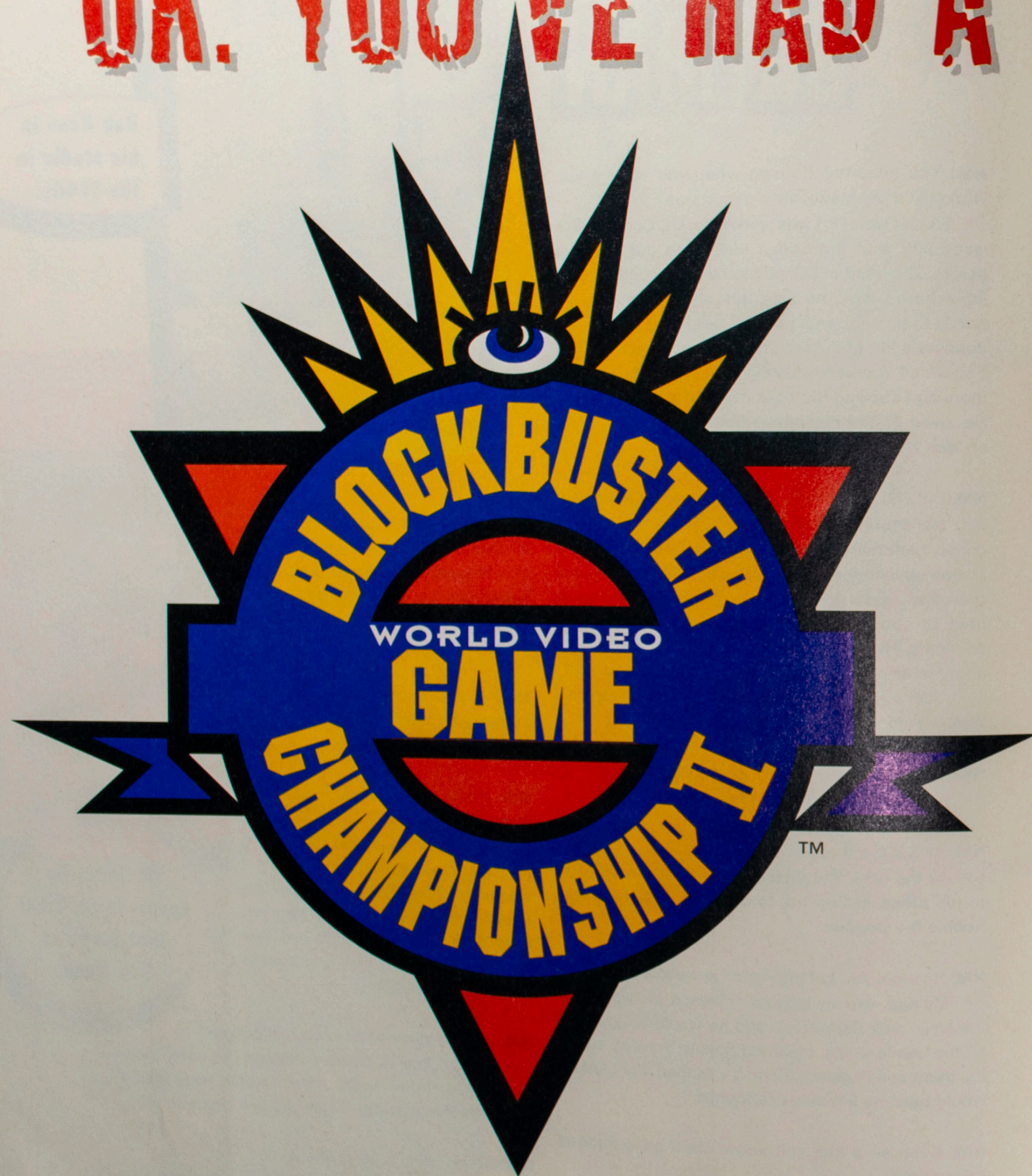
BK: No, they frighten me. ■



Sketches by
Leonardo da Vinci
that inspired
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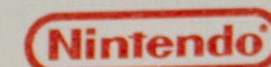
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FREAKO SYSTEM

Our gallery of absurd animals

The Surinam Toad

Also known as: *Pipa pipa*

How big are they?	Where do they live?	What do they eat?
4 1/2 to 8 inches long.	On the bottom of lakes, ponds, and slow-moving streams in South America.	Worms, insect larvae, and small fish.



What are those bumps on its back?
They're eggs. Each female lays up to 100 eggs. The male fertilizes them and then pushes some onto the female's back. Each egg sits in a tiny pocket covered by a layer of tissue. The eggs stay there and hatch into tadpoles. The tadpoles grow into toadlets. Then they force open the tissue that covers them and swim away. This takes from two to four months.

I'll have three eggs on toads with hash browns.



Why you wouldn't want to invite one over for dinner

The Surinam toad doesn't have a tongue or teeth, and its tiny eyes are almost useless. To eat, it sits motionless in the water with its arms and fingers outstretched. When it senses something going by, it shovels it greedily into its mouth.



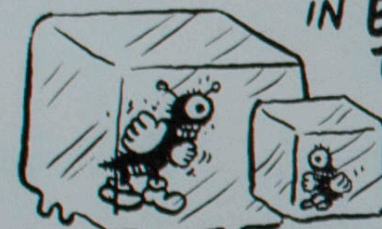
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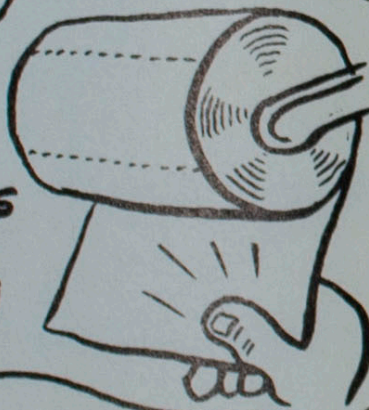
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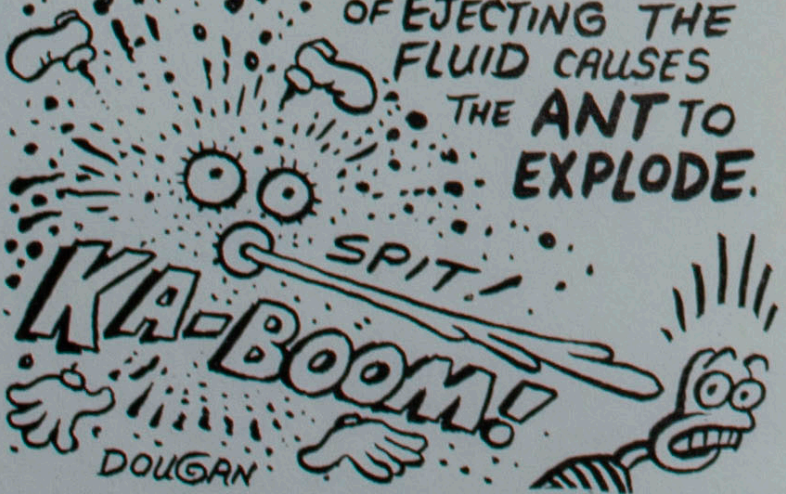
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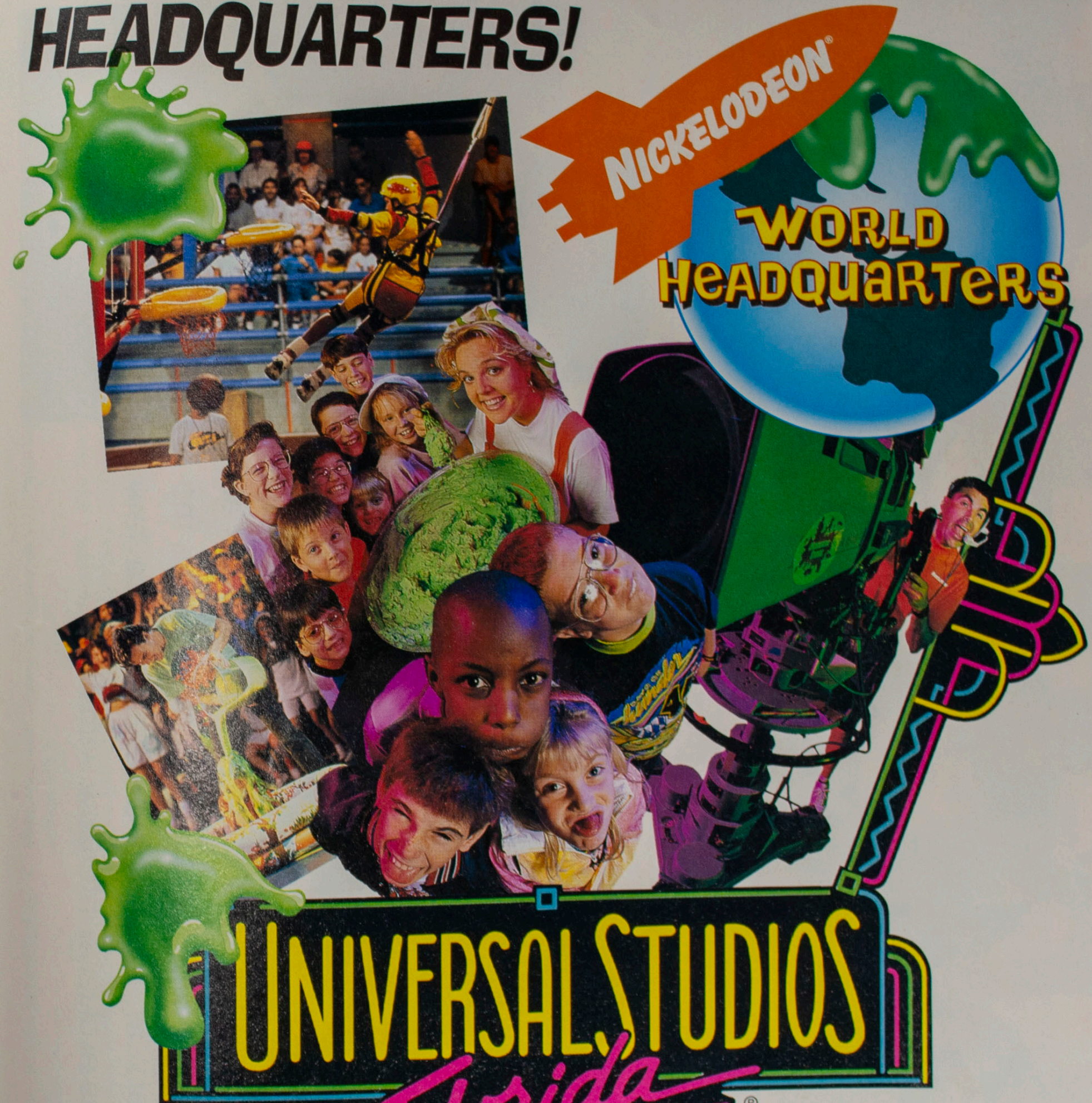
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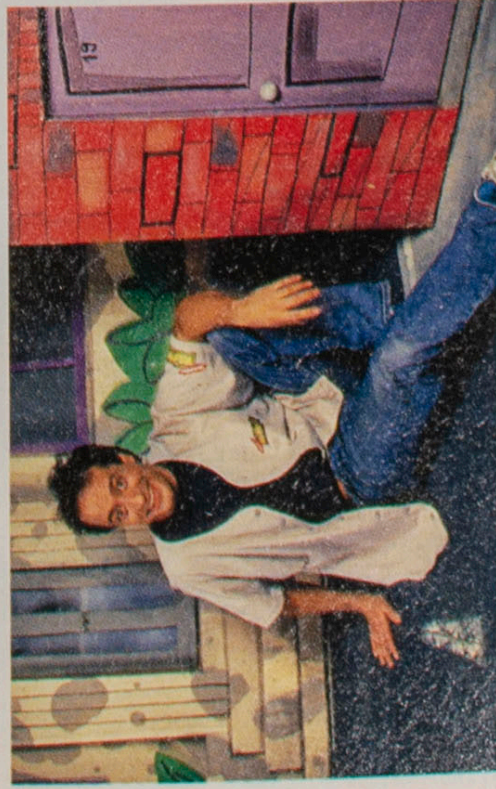
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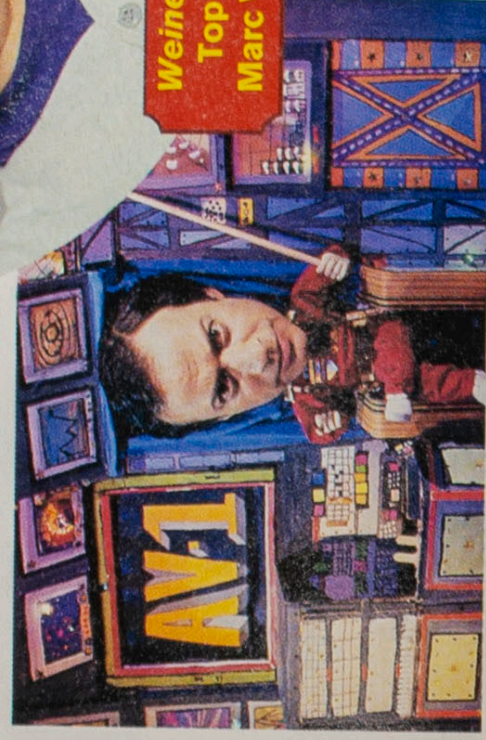
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Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Geraldine B. Laybourne, anything you want.

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Of all the famous people you've met, who are some of your favorites?

Steven Spielberg, because he's very playful, and Whoopi Goldberg.

If a deli were to make a Geraldine Laybourne sandwich, what would be on it?

Peanut butter and bacon on rye toast.

Send letters to: Ask the Boss Lady, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE, 1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10036



Ooze Picture is it?

Here's a close-up of a Nickelodeon actress. Can you guess who it is? (Answer, and a complete photo, on page 69.)

Programming Highlights

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Phillip D., age 9
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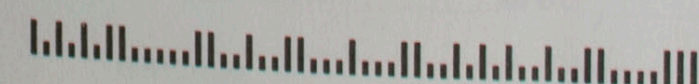
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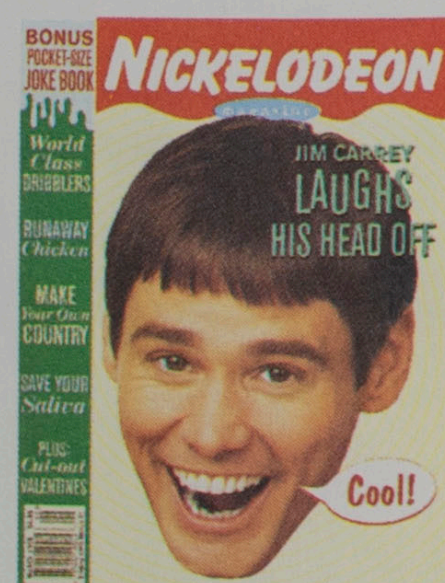
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WINNER

No Hanging Around The Train Station
 Kelly F., age 13, Bristol, Connecticut

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Make Way! Train Coming Through Closet
 Leah S., age 11, La Mirada, California
 Alan S., age 13, Hoffman Estates, Illinois

We'll Cook Your Hangers For Free!
 Douglas P., age 10, Salt Lake City, Utah


Hang Up TV After Use
 Jenny W., age 11, Scotts Valley, California

One Train Fits All
 Mark M., age 14, Arnold, Maryland

Hang Around For Our Next Program
 Matt R., age 11, Loganville, Georgia

Subway Dry Cleaning Zone
 Janel R., age 14, Durham, California

FACE TO FACE

Take a good look at the boy on the left. He grew up to be one of the famous men on the right. Can you guess which one he is? Answer on page 69. 



David Hasselhoff,
actor



David Letterman,
talk-show host



Dan Quayle,
former vice-president



To Be or Not to Be

by Patty Marx

Would you rather be a bumblebee or a lawn chair?



Shouldn't this be called
"To Bee or Not to Bee?"

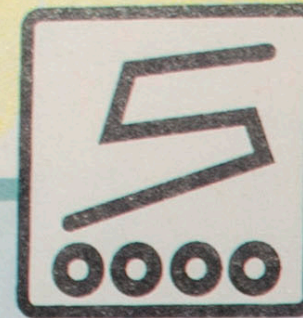


Advantages of Being a Bumblebee

All the honey you can eat
Spend lots of time in the garden
There's a buzz about you
Can say, "None of your beeswax," and really mean it
Nice striped outfit
Get to work for the queen
No need for cable because you have your own antennae

Advantages of Being a Lawn Chair

Always have a seat
Invited to parades and barbecues
You leave your mark on people
Get the winter off
Available in more colors than just yellow and black
People carry you
No one runs away from you screaming



WINNER

Eels On Wheels
Mark M., age 14, Arnold, Maryland

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Watch Out For Mini Donuts
Kori J., age 13, Parshall, North Dakota

Inexperienced Worm On Rollerblades
Lorraine K., age 12, Astoria, New York

Superman's Parking Space
Beth Y., age 12, Hoffman Estates, Illinois

Watch Out For Runaway Shopping Carts
Jenny W., age 11, Scotts Valley, California
Brandie T., age 13, Brandon, Florida

Marble Racetrack Next Exit
Josh D., age 10, Fort Collins, Colorado



WINNER

Cheese Fixin's
Kelli R., age 12, Wilmington, Delaware

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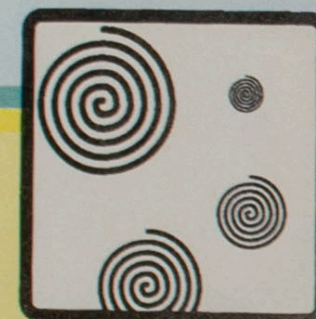
Wisconsin Mechanic
Jacob M., age 13, West Dundee, Illinois

You Are Now Entering the City of Limburgerwrench
Rachel B., age 13, Atlanta, Georgia

Don't Cut The Cheese: Loosen It Instead
Matt R., age 11, Loganville, Georgia

Cheese Tightening
Emily T., age 11, Miami, Florida

Pinch Your Nose: Cheese Smell Ahead
Ellen S., age 14, Perrysburg, Ohio



Danger: Round Worm Zone

WINNER

Danger: Falling Cinnamon Roll Zone
Christopher C., age 14, Elizabethtown, Kentucky

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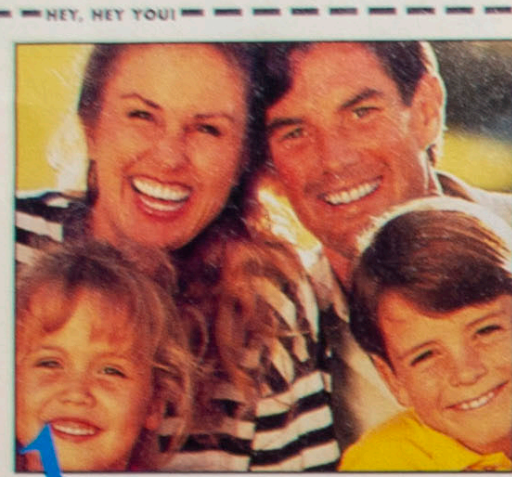
Eye Doctor Next Exit
Janell B., age 13, Bellingham, Washington

This Restaurant Sells Curly Fries
Ashley C., age 11, Hudson, Massachusetts

In Case Of Dizziness, Stop Looking At This Sign
Rachel B., age 13, Atlanta, Georgia

Zone-Out Zone
Ellen S., age 14, Perrysburg, Ohio

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Lifeguard

I am better looking than David Hasselhoff.

Where are my flip-flops?

Yeah, white stuff on my nose *does* make me look cool.

Forget it—that kid's too far out to save.

I'm the king, and all you little people are my servants.

Where's my "Official Bikini Inspector" T-shirt?

Remember to tuck in stomach.

Practice whistle-twirling skills.

A big shark sure would liven things up.

Camp Counselor

Favorite bug juice recipes.

Guilt about going through kids' care packages.

101 lame ghost stories.

Ways to trick campers into latrine duty.

Fear of dragonflies.

Worries about rash on belly.

Ideas on how to improve the Swiss Army knife.

How do you spell "reveille"?

That cute swim counselor.

Love of sloppy joes.

Ice Cream Man

I wish this music would stop.

Will my fingers freeze off?

Only 500 more used ice cream sticks, and my dream house will be finished!

When do I get a summer vacation?

I want to drive faster than five miles per hour.

How to remove chocolate stains.

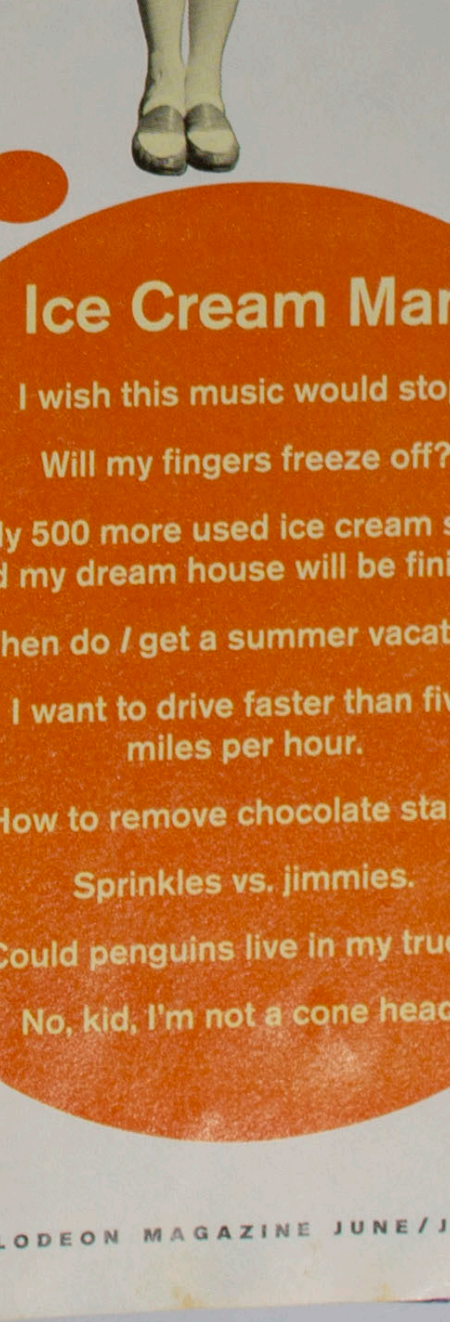
Sprinkles vs. jimmies.

Could penguins live in my truck?

No, kid, I'm not a cone head.



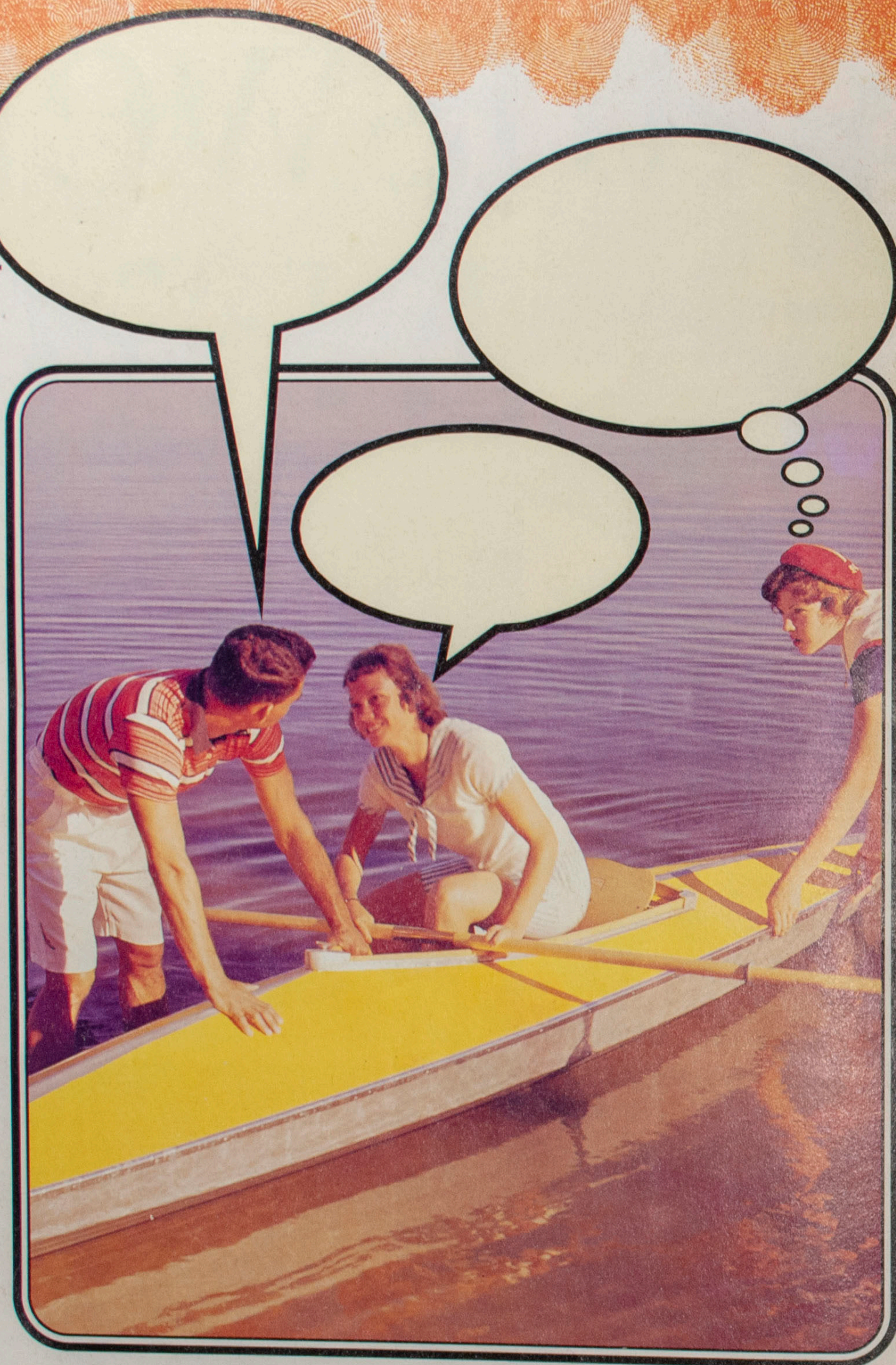
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